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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

Thank you very much for your note of
November 15, 1954.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to
write me concerning my talk last Saturday evening,
and I am sure I do not have to tell you how pleased
I was to read your generous comments. I was also
happy to learn that you had heard such favorable
remarks from others. Your letter is a source of
real encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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November 15, 1954

Dear Director:

I did want to tell you that I thoroughly enjoyed your most interesting talk on Saturday evening. It was indeed the highlight of a very enjoyable celebration.

I sat at a table with a number of prominent members of the faculty of Catholic University, including The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. McClafferty, Dean of the School of Social Service, The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice Sheehy, of the Department of Education, Father Francis P. Cassidy, former Dean of Men and now of the Department of Education, Fathers Joseph P. Christopher and Joseph B. Collins, of the School of Sacred Theology. These men were unanimous in their favorable comments concerning your talk.

After the dinner, I talked to His Excellency, Bishop McEntegart, and The Rt. Rev. William J. McDonald, the Vice Rector. They were most complimentary about your appearance and talk.

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I also spoke with a number of others in attendance, including Nick Chase, President of the Alumni, Fred Guarnieri, Toastmaster, Arthur J. "Dutch" Bergman, Hugh "Bingo" Flynn, former President of the Touchdown Club, Eddie LaFond, Director of Athletics at Catholic University, and many others, including students whose identities are unknown to me. Universally, the remarks of these people were most favorable and enthusiastic regarding your talk.

I assure you it was a pleasure to hear your speech, and I thought you would be interested in the reaction of those with whom I talked regarding your appearance.

Sincerely,

Leo L. Laughlin

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Bureau of Employees' Compensation
United States Department of Labor
General Accounting Office Building
Fourth and G Streets, Northwest
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

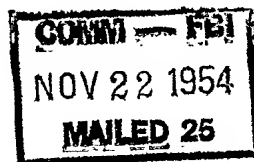
There are enclosed Bureau of Employees' Compensation forms C. A. 1 and C. A. 2, executed in connection with an injury sustained by Leo L. Laughlin on November 9, 1954, while in the performance of his official duties.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)

cc - SAC, WFO



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December 2, 1954

PERSONAL

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I want to offer my sincere
congratulations on your nineteenth anniversary
with the Bureau and to express my appreciation
for your splendid services over the past nine-
teen years. Your outstanding and loyal support
have contributed much to the prestige which the
Bureau presently enjoys and I am most grateful
to you.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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December 8, 1954

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

I am taking this opportunity to
congratulate you upon your election as one
of the Directors of the FBIRA to take office
in January, 1955.

Please accept my good wishes for
a successful term in this important position.

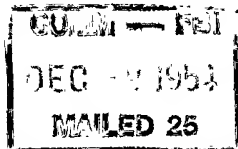
Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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Handwritten: J. Edgar Hoover

December 3, 1954

Dear Director:

Thank you very much for your kind note of December 2, 1954, on the occasion of my nineteenth anniversary. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I assure you it has been a privilege indeed to have been associated with the Bureau during these years, and I am most grateful for the opportunity of serving under your inspiring and outstanding leadership.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Leo L. Laughlin

Leo L. Laughlin

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 11/3/54

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

H. H. Laughlin

In accordance with previous arrangements, DeLoach of my office attended the Semi-Annual Conference of Special Agents held in the Washington Field Office on 11/2/54 at 8:30 a.m. His presence was not expected and came as a complete surprise to personnel attending the conference.

SAC Laughlin called the conference to order and had each man present submit a slip with his name on it so that this slip could be checked against administrative records regarding attendance.

Agent Supervisor [] was introduced and spoke for thirty minutes on the various courts and police agencies within the District of Columbia. He discussed the jurisdiction of these organizations and their current relationship with the FBI. It was evident that [] had spent considerable time in preparing his talk and he did a very impressive job. His delivery was excellent and it is felt that a talk of this nature would be very beneficial if given the Semi-Annual Conference of Bureau supervisors and officials. b6 b7C

SAC Laughlin next introduced Agent Supervisor Obendorff who spoke on the intensification program. Obendorff undoubtedly had spent considerable time in preparing for his lecture. His delivery was unimpressive however due to numerous pauses and a failure to interest his audience. His subject matter was good; however, this lecture dragged too long and as a result the audience became inattentive. [] b6 b7C

Special Agent [] next spoke on Executive Order 10501. His lecture and delivery were most impressive and the attending agents appeared to very interested. It was noted that numerous notes were taken regarding this lecture. b6 b7C

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cc - Mr. Harbo

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WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

ASAC R. B. Fletcher was the fourth speaker and spoke on the necessity of thoroughness in the handling of investigations. Fletcher's talk portrayed a great deal of experience and he firmly pointed out to the agents the absolute necessity of thorough and complete investigations. Fletcher sprinkled interesting examples throughout his lecture and as a result held the attention of the audience all the time.

AC Laughlin next spoke on personal conduct and discipline. He spoke of the recent [redacted] incident wherein [redacted] and his associates were advised by an agent of the Washington Field Office of the contents of an SAC Letter pointing out that the [redacted] organization was not entitled to receive information from FBI files. Laughlin was quite impressive in his firm stand before the agents. He laid the Bureau's policies right on the line and told the agents that he realized there were a lot of good men in the Washington Field Office; however, that he had been personally hurt by the lack of loyalty on the part of a representative of this office and that he knew the Director was seriously concerned with this matter. Laughlin, in strong terms, expressed Bureau policies regarding the confidential nature of our information and told the agents that our policies were firm but definitely fair and down through the years had been one of the results of the FBI acquiring such a tremendous reputation in the minds of the American people. He told the agents that if they could not live up to the policies of the FBI and our current reputation, they should turn in their badges and credentials and seek employment elsewhere. b6 b7c

On comparing notes of Laughlin's speech with the speech that I gave before the Semi-Annual Conference of Bureau officials and supervisors one week ago, it is noted that Laughlin evidently took very good notes and more or less followed the outline that I used in making my lecture. I noted that he additionally used several phrases and expressions that Mr. Mohr had used in lecturing before the Semi-Annual Conference of Bureau officials and supervisors. Generally, the attitude of the agents in the Washington Field Office, following Laughlin's talk, was very good. There were no sneers or noncomplimentary comments noted. The agents seemed to accept Laughlin's talk in grim silence. One individual remarked in confidence that he had overheard several of the older agents talking and they had expressed the opinion "I wish we could catch the SOB who has caused this cloud to be on us so that we could show the Bureau that loyal agents won't tolerate such behavior."

RE: SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

11/3/54

CONCLUSIONS

DeLoach discussed the entire conference with Laughlin, pointed out two errors in statistics made by lecturers and the desirability of making several changes in the lectures, particularly Mr. Obendorff's. From the standpoint of the entire program, the Semi-Annual Agents Conference, insofar as the Washington Field Office is concerned, is definitely considered worthwhile and it is recommended that it be continued.

RECOMMENDATIONSb6
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1. That the Semi-Annual Agents Conferences be continued.
2. That consideration be given to designating Special Agent Supervisor [] of the Washington Field Office to deliver his lecture on courts and law enforcement agencies within the District of Columbia to the next Seat of Government Conference of Bureau officials and supervisors.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 10/19/54

FROM : R. T. Harbo

SUBJECT: SECURITY FBI FILES

Leo L. Laughlin

SYNOPSIS:

It. [redacted] former clerk, Chief Clerk's Office, Washington Field, employed for 4 months, 10/26/53 - 2/26/54, wrote to the Director 9/29/54, suggested possibility that a disgruntled or planted person employed as clerk in the Washington Field would be in a position to obtain information for the Communist Party. [redacted] pointed out that he as a clerk did get security information. [redacted] interviewed 10/6/54. Stated that he read mail and files to a greater degree than necessary for efficient handling of duties. Covered this up under pretense of working. Inquiry Washington Field by Inspector's Aide [redacted] revealed supervisors aware of over-reading by [redacted] and had cautioned him several times on this point. Supervisors neglected to make an official record of this deficiency and subsequent cautions in work performance ratings; failed to advise SAC.

Check of security procedures on handling mail and files in Washington Field discloses procedures to be in accordance with Bureau instructions. Work in Chief Clerk's Office compartmentalized to the greatest practicable degree; further breakdown of work would cause loss of efficiency and production.

All allegations and suggestions made by [redacted] answers by SAC Laughlin and findings of the Inspector are contained in the Details.

Attachments

cc - Mr. Mohr
Mr. Nichols

1. Clerical Supervisor [redacted] subsequently [redacted]
2. Clerical Supervisor [redacted] who succeeded [redacted]
3. Chief Clerk [redacted] on charge of unit to which [redacted] be assigned.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. [redacted] Has no mandatory reinstatement rights. Recommend not to be re-employed.

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2. Special Agent [redacted] ^{formerly clerical} New Haven Division, GS-10, \$5,500.....For not having made an official record of the fact that Shomette had to be cautioned for the reading of unauthorized material.....Censure and probation.

Recommend censure
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3. Clerical Supervisor [redacted] Washington Field, GS-5, \$3410.....For not having made an official record of the fact that [redacted] had to be cautioned for the reading of unauthorized material.....Censure and probation.

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Recommend censure
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4. Chief Clerk [redacted] Washington Field, GS-10, \$5875.....For failure to take steps to make an official record of Shomette's deficiencies and to recommend his removal from the file room.....Censure and probation.

Recommend censure
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.....Censure for failure to remove

For failure to impress thoroughly upon all supervisory personnel the necessity for recording personnel delinquencies. He was not advised concerning [redacted] unauthorized reading of the mail.

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DETAILS:

ALLEGATIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND FINDINGS:

Allegations and suggestions made by [] and findings on inquiry are:

Allegation [] admits reading serials when should have been working, pretended to work to fool supervisor.

SAC Laughlin: Detected shortly after [] entered on duty by Clerical Supervisor [] who had to stop him from wasting time unnecessarily reading filing material. Supervisor located in same room with employee for close supervision and in contact with employee 90% of working day. b6 b7C

Former Clerical Supervisor [] (now Special Agent assigned New Haven Division), and Chief Clerk [] advised that they recognized [] was different from average Bureau clerk and tried to give [] more attention than customarily afforded; endeavored to make job challenging. [] spotted [] reading more mail than necessary and issued oral warnings to [] [] advised [] clerical supervisor who succeeded [] to supervise [] closely. [] afforded closer supervision to make sure of attendance to duties.

Findings:

Our inspection reveals: Mail and files handled in accordance with Bureau security procedures in Chief Clerk's Office. Duties of employee requires perusing or reading of portion of material for efficient handling of assignment but not complete reading. Problem exists as to when an employee is reading more lines of a document than necessary. Unit Supervisor's duties keep him in room with employees approximately 90% of day. Only absent for supervisory conferences or handling special pieces of mail. []

[] all state they recognized [] tendency to read more than necessary, and all spoke to him about it. [] states that notes reflecting this were made for [] personnel folder, but that no comment reflecting this was made in his performance ratings because his work was considered satisfactory. His personnel file at the Bureau reflects no information concerning his unauthorized reading. b6 b7C

Allegation 2. [] stated interested in security cases, closely followed file [] and would make point to read serials as received. (He remembered the correct file number.)

SAC Laughlin: [] is very active file maintained in Chief Clerk's Office, not considered necessary to be maintained in Confidential File Room. Serials in this file contain data obtained from physical and technical surveillances, confidential sources and other sources b6 b7C b7D b7E

of information. Material is in form of short memoranda or airtels and can be read quickly during matching or serializing operations, former duties of [redacted] b6 b7C

Findings:

Inspector found material for this file is brief in nature and contents of serial can be digested in matter of seconds. Because of delicate nature of this file it should be included in Confidential File Room. //

Allegation 3. All-oes saw many reports regarding results of technical surveillances.

SAC Laughlin: Logs prepared from technical installation do not normally come into pending files section but maintained in Confidential File Room. [redacted] had no access to Confidential File Room. Material for Confidential File Room handled (1) by personal delivery, (2) through messenger envelopes marked Confidential File Room which precludes material going into Pending File Section, and (3) placing material in pick up or routing boxes, serviced only by employees assigned to Confidential File Room. b6 b7C

Findings:

All mail and files for Confidential File Room handled in above described manner. During check no material of this nature found in Chief Clerk's Office; however, paraphrased portions of technical surveillances appear in many serials or memoranda not maintained in Confidential File Room; not practicable to change.

Allegation 4. States reviewed closed Bureau applicant file of [redacted] an acquaintance. b6 b7C

SAC Laughlin: Was assigned to Closed File Section to handle requests for files and charge-outs during a portion of his service.

Findings:

Security of closed files checked; approximately 20 employees assigned this section. Employees instructed and do question any unauthorized personnel entering section. A dishonest employee could find a way to obtain files not officially needed by him and only solution is selection of employees with greatest integrity and close supervision.

Allegation 5. States saw letter from Director to SAC giving permission to pay some informant [redacted]

SAC Laughlin: [redacted]

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Findings:

All confidential mail received from Bureau in SAC's office sorted by acting SAC personally and that relating to informant or confidential files taken by SAC's secretary to interested supervisor or Confidential File Room. [redacted] saw communication; a security lapse must have occurred; Inspector instructed more careful attention be given. No security lapse detected by Inspector on 10/13/54. b6 b7C

Allegation 6. States the posting of overtime of Agents working on No. 6 Squad, Washington Field, be done by a clerk from that squad. (There are 14 Agents and 16 Special Employees assigned to this squad handling technical surveillances.)

SAC Laughlin: No reason why names of Agents on #6 Squad (Technical) should not be handled as any other Agents; no reason to conceal identity from office personnel.

Findings:

The allegation relates solely to the posting of overtime for Agents on the No. 6 Squad; there is no announcement that No. 6 Squad handles technical surveillances; the technical logs are kept in the Confidential File Room; paraphrased excerpts not identifying any technical surveillance go into the individual case files in the regular file room and upon seeing enough of these, an employee would be able to figure out that there are individuals assigned to technical work. The volume of files in which these paraphrased excerpts appear are numerous; therefore, they can not all be filed in the Confidential File Room; no matter what the No. 6 Squad was called or now combined or consolidated, the situation would remain the same. Although known as the No. 6 Squad, we have for clarity called it the Technical Squad in this memorandum. The Bureau regulations regarding such material are being followed by the Washington Field Office.

Allegation 7. Employees assigned to Pending Files Section should be investigated more thoroughly than other employees and subject to lie detector test and examination by psychiatrist.

|| SAC Laughlin: No merit. Inspector agrees.

Allegation 8. No disgruntled employee be placed in Pending Files Section of Chief Clerk's Office. Bureau should have placed him in more challenging position than Grade 2 clerk as he was better than other employees because of education.

SAC Laughlin: Agreed no disgruntled employee should be placed in Pending Files Section. Policies this office to take corrective steps, including recommendation for termination of employment, when information received that an employee is so dissatisfied that it affects efficiency. Was aware [redacted] did not like assignment but he did perform duties in a satisfactory manner.

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As to a more challenging position, [] did not meet the challenge of his immediate assignment as it was necessary to afford him more supervision than other employees similarly experienced, and was passed over for GS-4 assignment.

Findings:

Memo from SAC, Washington Field, dated 1/26/54, recommended [] for reallocation to GS-3 because work satisfactory, attendance regular and attitude good; reallocated 1/31/54. By letter 1/28/54 SAC reported Shomette not qualified to fill GS-4 vacancy (Property Clerk) because not mature enough and had not shown the qualities of responsibility required. b6 b7C

Allegation 9. Break work down in Chief Clerk's Office so no one employee could know contents of all files.

SAC Laughlin: Work is compartmentalized so that employees are responsible for specific phase or function with no employee having access to all files; this procedure in effect when [] assigned Washington Field; further break down not efficient. Necessary exception exists for night and holiday employees.

Findings:

Work in Chief Clerk's Office found to be compartmentalized and further break down would cause loss of efficiency and production.

Allegation 10. Seal all serials coming in to Chief Clerk's Office in envelopes.

SAC Laughlin: More than 9,000 pieces of mail are sorted through the Chief Clerk's Office daily. The cost of placing this material in envelopes would be prohibitive.

Findings:

Impractical to put serials in envelope as they would have to be taken out of envelope for processing by various clerks. Therefore no useful purpose served. Envelopes now used on restricted basis for the most delicate matters.

Allegation 11. Have telephone bills and apartment receipts utilized in surveillances sent into the Chief Clerk's Office in sealed envelopes.

SAC Laughlin: Such bills and receipts are not sent to Chief Clerk's Office but are brought directly by Agent personnel receiving same to SAC's Office where funds are provided for payment. Such bills attached to vouchers and transmitted to Bureau for payment from SAC's Office. How or why [redacted] ever observed such material is unknown.

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Findings:

Check of the Chief Clerk's Office failed to locate any such material in the Chief Clerk's Office. No change of procedure recommended.

Allegation 12. Continue to conduct investigation of employees after original investigation to assure them remaining loyal.

SAC Laughlin: Not in agreement with suggestion.

Findings:

Inspector disagrees with suggestion: tighter supervision, careful indoctrination and loyalty are the answers.

Allegation 13. Information regarding the possession of keys (to official Soviet cars) obtained by Agents should be kept in office of #3 Supervisor (Security Supervisor).

SAC Laughlin: Information concerning availability of keys is kept in the appropriate case file which is not maintained in the Confidential File Room. Need for this security.

Findings:

Inspector believes this material should be placed into Confidential File Room.

Allegation 14. Supervisor, Chief Clerk's Office, have more direct control over employees to see that they do not read reports and serials when they should be working. Supervisor should place desk directly opposite Pending Files Section so he can watch employees more closely. Supervisor should be one who can supervise closely and still make employees like him.

SAC Laughlin: Pending files Supervisor's with assigned personnel. Desk so situated employees. The two supervisors of [redacted] and [redacted] highly regarded by this supervisors. [redacted] considered outstanding
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Findings:

Supervisor centrally located Files Section permitting close observation employees assigned. Present Supervisor Bullock has good knowledge of duties, responsibilities and appears to be alert as to supervisor. No change recommended, except to tighten

Allegation 15. New employees before orientation need for security.

SAC Laughlin: New clerical employees upon arrival attend two-day conference and indoctrination headquarters where problem of security is discussed. Arrival Washington Field, SAC and Chief Clerk again, stressing security. After 10-12 series interviewed by SAC and again security emphasized.

Findings:

Supervisors and employees in [redacted] are aware of security regulations.

Allegation 16. Bureau should have employees, other, get informant program started among them.

SAC Laughlin: Suggestion merits no consideration. approach is one advocated by Bureau to give observations and suggestions for improvement. Inspector agrees.

Allegation 17. Agents when dictating on confidential File Room should impress stenographer nature so file will not be sent to Pending File

SAC Laughlin: Instructions outstanding prohibit Agents giving files to stenographers on material which is maintained Confidential File Room.

Findings:

These instructions were checked and found to be closely followed.

Allegation 18. Bureau should send employee to Chief Clerk's Office to work Pending Files to see if they can obtain some information as he did.

SAC Laughlin: It is apparent that if any employee of FBI handling file material desires, he can absorb information recorded in such material. Normal clerical operation and administration cause some file material to come into hands of employees handling it.

Findings:

No useful purpose seen in this: Inspector opposed.

Allegation 19. Do not permit employee working pending or closed files to cause a check, ~~to be made of the indices.~~ ^{to prevent matching name with file} number.

SAC Laughlin: It is not believed desirable to put in a regulation or instruction which would require all employees to explain why they wanted to check indices.

Findings:

Designated employees search indices, other designated employees put mail in file; often necessary to shift employee from one assignment to another to balance work despite compartmentalization; necessary; no change recommended. It is frequently necessary for a clerk putting mail in file to request an indices search for verification particularly when the content of the incoming document does not appear to relate to the subject matter in the file; not practicable for these clerks to cause an official supervisor to authorize a request for an indices search. Any agent may request an indices search. Only specifically authorized clerks may check the indices themselves. However, any agent or clerk may request that name be searched through indices and pertinent file number be requested.

Allegation 20. License numbers of Bureau cars should be omitted on gasoline tickets and automobile card records to prevent clerk posting from making list of licenses and furnishing it to the Soviets.

SAC Laughlin: The clerk now engaged in handling this function is regarded as one of the most loyal and dependable of employees. It is believed that there is no reason to change current Bureau regulations concerning this handling.

Findings:

Currently, license numbers are required by Gasoline Companies on sales slip for audit purposes. Administrative Division should study advisability of contacting Gasoline Companies for permission to use designated car number in place of license number.

CONCLUSIONS:

Basic Bureau procedure followed in Chief Clerk's Office; certain specialized procedures relating to Washington Field should be adjusted so that file on [redacted]

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[redacted] immaturity makes him potential security risk and this should have been detected earlier through tighter supervision and put on record; if [redacted] had not volunteered on 9/29/54 information as to improper actions, same might never have been discovered.

Work is compartmentalized in Washington Field and Record Section at Bureau to greatest practicable degree; no additional safe guard known to prevent basic dishonesty.

SAC Letter 10/12/54 emphasized security needs.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT :

DATE: Oct. 19, 1954 ✓

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Nicholas T. Chase, who is Chairman of the arrangements for the Catholic University homecoming dinner where the Cardinal Gibbons award will be given the Director, called. He wanted to extend you an invitation to attend the banquet. I accordingly accepted on your behalf.

He is having a very small reception of not to exceed 25 people prior to the dinner at the Statler Hotel. The Director and you are both invited. He will let us know the details of this at a later date.

He then asked if there were any others to whom an invitation should be extended in the Bureau as he would like to have a few of the Director's assistants present. I told him that I did not think at the moment of any names which should be included, but if any did occur, I would let him know. He then stated he would like to invite Judge Edward Tamm and wondered if this would be all right. I told him this, of course, would be up to him. He invited me. I told him I seriously doubted I would be in town that weekend, but that if I found I would be, would let him know. He stated if I would call him a few days before November 13th, this would be satisfactory. He also asked that I let him know if we had any views on having anyone else invited. He mentioned Leo Laughlin, who is an alumnus of Catholic University and will be there anyway. He is including him among the guests at the small reception prior to the dinner.

It will be a black tie affair. Chase stated it is shaping up very well.

cc: Mr. Holloman
Mr. Jones

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REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME LAUGHLIN, LEO L.			2. GRADE AND COMPONENT OR POSITION SAC		3. IDENTIFICATION NO.
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17. RATING OR SPECIALTY

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		40. SKIN, LYMPHATICS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		41. NEUROLOGIC (Equilibrium tests under item 72)
NR		42. PSYCHIATRIC (Specify any personality deviation)
Females only (Check how done)		
	43. PELVIC <input type="checkbox"/> VAGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> RECTAL	

tender upper rt. quad.

slight pes planus (1°)

Appendectomy scar.

(Continue in item 73)

44. DENTAL (Place appropriate symbols above or below number of upper and lower teeth, respectively)																REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL DENTAL DEFECTS AND DISEASES Type III Class 2 calculus 58420-295																																																																									
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45. URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.020			46. CHEST X-RAY (Place, date, film number, result) Negative		47. SEROLOGY (Specify test used and result) Kahn, Negative FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ALBUMIN Neg.	SUGAR Neg.	MICROSCOPIC Neg.			
48. EKG Normal		49. BLOOD TYPE AND RH FACTOR	50. OTHER TESTS		

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MEASUREMENTS AND OTHER FINDINGS																																			
51. HEIGHT 6'1 3/4		52. WEIGHT 198		53. COLOR HAIR		54. COLOR EYES		55. BUILD: SLENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM <input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBESE <input type="checkbox"/>		56. TEMP. Normal																									
57. BLOOD PRESSURE (Arm at heart level)						58. PULSE (Arm at heart level)																													
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73. NOTES (Continued) AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY

59. Glasses 1 1/2 yr. old--far vision is poor even with glasses.
 1-11-55 Present glasses over a year old--has complaints of distant vision. Please refract & will appreciate your recommendations.

Thank you.

/S/ Dr. Aspen

2-1-55 Examination of eyes is essentially normal. No change in glasses recommended. /S/ Patterson

1-11-55 GI Series: The examination reveals normal esophagus, stomach and duodenum. /S/ Griffin, Lt MC USN

(Use additional sheets of plain paper if necessary)

74. SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES (List diagnoses with item numbers)

75. RECOMMENDATIONS--FURTHER SPECIALIST EXAMINATIONS INDICATED (Specify)						76. PHYSICAL PROFILE							
						P	U	L	H	E	S		
77. EXAMINEE (Check) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS QUALIFIED FOR strenuous phys. exertion & use of firearms. <input type="checkbox"/> IS NOT						78. IF NOT QUALIFIED, LIST DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS BY ITEM NUMBER							
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82. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER OR APPROVING AUTHORITY						SIGNATURE							
						NUMBER OF ATTACHED SHEETS							

ATTACHMENT TO STANDARD FORM 88
(Revised July 21, 1952)

Report of Medical Examination

FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER:

The following portions of the attached examination report form need not be completed:

2	67
3	68
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14	71 (unless other
17	examination indi-
62	cates desirable)
65	72

Item 48, the electrocardiogram, is not required unless the examinee is over 35 years of age or unless other examination indicates such is desirable.

If the examinee is an applicant, the Chest X ray and blood type and Rh factor (Items 46 and 49) are not necessary unless the facilities for affording same are readily available to the examiner.

FOR ALL EXAMINEES, WHETHER CLERICAL OR SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANTS OR EMPLOYEES:

The medical examiner should answer the following question:

Examinee is qualified for strenuous physical
(is or ~~is not~~)
exertion. (Designate which)

FOR ALL MALE EMPLOYEES OR APPLICANTS:

The medical examiner is requested to answer the following:

Does examinee have any defects restricting or prohibiting his participation in defensive tactics and dangerous assignments which might entail the practical use of firearms?

No
If answer is "yes" please specify.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN ITEMS 59, 61, 64 AND 70 PERTAINING TO VISUAL ACUITY, COLOR VISION AND HEARING BE COMPLETED IN DETAIL.

Helen G. Baker
(Signature of Medical Examiner)

2 Feb 1955
(Date)

100-54428-295

February 4, 1955

[redacted]
Faculty Chairman
Assembly Committee
National Cathedral School
Mount Saint Alban
Washington 16, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write on February 1, 1955, concerning the talk given by Mr. L. L. Laughlin at your assembly program on January 31, 1955.

Your kindness is deeply appreciated, and it is a pleasure to send a copy of your communication to Mr. Laughlin, as I know he will be as grateful for your generous comments as I am.

Do not hesitate to let us know whenever we can be of service in the future.

Sincerely yours,



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cc - Personnel File of SAC L. L. Laughlin, with copy of incoming.

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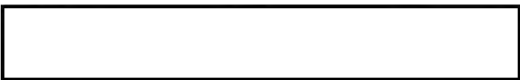
NOTE: At the request of [redacted] SAC L. L. Laughlin of the WFO was designated to speak before an assembly of the

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National Cathedral School on 1-31-55. Mr. Laughlin's title as SAC of WFO is not being set forth as she is well aware of his position.

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National Cathedral School

Mount Saint Alban

Washington 16, D. C.

February 1, 1955

Office of the Principal

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

On behalf of the student body of National Cathedral School, I wish to thank you for your kindness in sending Mr. L.L. Laughlin, Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to be the speaker at our assembly program yesterday, January 31st. The talk was excellent, and was stimulating to faculty and students alike.

Again, our thanks for your thoughtfulness and interest in our request.

Very truly yours,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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Faculty Chairman
Assembly Committee

January 24, 1955

[redacted]
Chairman
Public Protection Committee
Washington Board of Trade
1616 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter of January 19, 1955, concerning the recent appearance made by Mr. Leo L. Laughlin before the Public Protection Committee of the Washington Board of Trade.

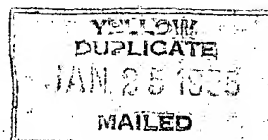
It was most thoughtful of you to write me in this regard, and I am happy to know that Mr. Laughlin's talk was so well received. I know that he found it a distinct pleasure to address your group, and you may be sure that he will appreciate your favorable comments.

Sincerely yours,

cc - Washington Field Office, with copy of incoming.
✓cc - Personnel file of SAC Laughlin, with copy of incoming.

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WASHINGTON BOARD OF TRADE
1616 K Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C. Sterling 3-3535

January 19, 1955

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was indeed a great pleasure to have Mr. Leo L. Lauchlin, Special Agent in Charge of the local office of the F.B.I., as guest speaker at the meeting of the Public Protection Committee of the Washington Board of Trade today at the Burlington Hotel.

There were approximately thirty-five committee members in attendance and we were all greatly impressed with Mr. Lauchlin's knowledge of his subject and the excellent manner in which he presented the scope of the activities of the local F.B.I. office, including the cooperation of our Metropolitan Police Department and the other law enforcement agencies of the area. His remarks were followed by a series of questions, all of which he answered in a most competent manner.

On behalf of the committee, it is indeed a pleasure to express to you our thanks for making him available.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Chairman
Public Protection Committee

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your cordial note of January 20, 1955,
has been received.

I know that Mr. Leo L. Laughlin, Special
Agent in Charge of our Washington Field Office,
welcomed the opportunity to be with you and the
other members of your group. It was most thoughtful
of you to write, and you may be sure that Mr. Laughlin
is as grateful for your kind remarks as I am.

Sincerely yours,

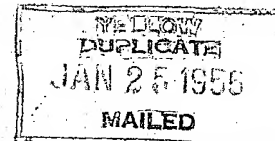
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NOTE: Address per mailing list.

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January 20, 1955

*The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.*

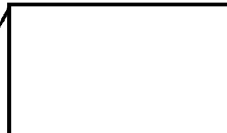
Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Our Chairman, [redacted] is formally
acknowledging Mr. Leo Laughlin's participation in
the Public Protection Committee's meeting yesterday.
But I wish to add my own thanks and appreciation for
your courtesy in helping us make the arrangements
with Mr. Laughlin -- and also to say that it was one of
the best meetings we have ever enjoyed. He did full credit
to your magnificent organization.*

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Sincerely yours,

/s/



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January 12, 1955

Mrs. Edward L. Tamm
2035 Sunnyside Place, Northwest
Washington 15, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Tamm:

Many thanks for your most thoughtful note of January 7, 1955, in which you commented so favorably regarding the talk given by Mr. L. L. Laughlin last Wednesday before the Sanctuary Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church.

I am indeed happy to know that you and your fellow members found his remarks both interesting and enjoyable. It is certainly a pleasure to send a copy of your letter to Mr. Laughlin as I know he will be as grateful for your kind and generous comments as I am.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc - Washington Field Office, with copy of incoming.

cc - personnel file copy of SAC L. L. Laughlin, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Mr. L. L. Laughlin is SAC of the Washington Field Office. His title is not being referred to in the outgoing since Mrs. Tamm is well aware of it. By letter dated 11-24-54, Mrs. Tamm requested a Bureau speaker to speak before her group. Bulet of 11-30-54 designated SAC L. L. Laughlin to make this address.

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3353 Runnymede Place, N. W.
Washington 15, D. C.
January 7, 1955

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you most sincerely for making Mr. Leo Laughlin available to address the Sanctuary Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church on last Wednesday. Mr. Laughlin's excellent talk was thoroughly enjoyed by the several hundred women present, and he most certainly personified and typified the high standards and principles of the Bureau. I am confident that I express the opinion of all of our members when I say that his address was the outstanding one of our year's activities.

Again, thank you for making Mr. Laughlin available.

With affectionate and personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

/s/ Grace Tamm

Grace Tamm

SAC, Washington Field

December 23, 1954

Director, FBI

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Two-Day Conference

You should report Monday, April 18, 1955, at 9:00 A. M.,
Room 5517, Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, for a Two-Day Conference.

Confirm attendance.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: NOV. 29, 1954

FROM : D. J. PARSONS

SUBJECT: FBIRA ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 1955

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L. L. Laughlin

Ballots listing candidates for the elective positions in the FBIRA were distributed to the Seat of Government and the field divisions November 1, 1954, with the request that they be returned to the Bureau by November 22, 1954. The ballots were distributed with the November issue of the Investigator which carried pictures and short biographical sketches of each candidate.

The ballots have been tabulated with the following results:

DIRECTORSTOTAL VOTES

Two-year term (two)

L. L. Laughlin 3,796
 R. C. Anderson 3,575
 F. L. Price 2,864
 W. G. Eames 2,809

PRESIDENT

C. L. Trotter 3,747
 J. R. Malley 3,032

VICE PRESIDENT

C. A. Donelan 4,149
 J. S. Ammarell 2,510

TREASURER (unopposed)

R. C. Renneberger 6,432

ACTIVITY PROMOTER

D. J. Brennan 3,446
 L. M. Linton 3,219

There were a few write-in candidates, but the number was so small that no record is being made of it here.

Although there may be some few ballots which have not been returned it is felt that there would not be enough to change the outcome and the balloting has been declared closed. As a result of the election, the following candidates are declared the officials of the FBIRA for the calendar year 1955, subject to the approval of the Director:

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cc: Mr. Leinbaugh, Rm 4235

DIRECTORS

L.L. Laughlin
R. C. Anderson

PRESIDENT

C. L. Trotter

VICE-PRESIDENT

C. A. Donelan

TREASURER

R. C. Renneberger

ACTIVITY PROMOTER

D. J. Brennan

The Secretary and Assistant Activity Promoters are to be appointed.

Addendum: DJP 12/3/54 - It is suggested that letters go forward to the successful candidates advising them of their selection.

Done
12-8-54
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Prepared by:
Checked by:
Filed by: *W/297*

February 9, 1955

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

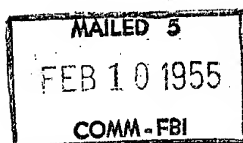
The United States Civil Service Commission, under the provisions of the Classification Act, recently established the position of Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office in Grade GS 16. The position was approved on January 31, 1955, and has been identified as position number GS 1611-16-131. The Grade GS 16 position you formerly occupied was not one specifically limited to the Washington Field Office.

You are being designated as the incumbent of this new position, with no change in grade or salary, and you will continue in this Grade GS 16 as long as you are assigned to the position of Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office.

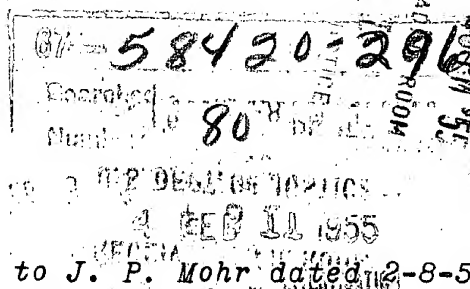
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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See Memo from H. L. Edwards to J. P. Mohr dated 2-8-55.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/14/55

FROM : SAC, WFO

(44-224)

SUBJECT: Private [redacted] Detective Sgt.
[redacted] UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
[redacted] VICTIM
[redacted] aka, VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

On Saturday, 2/12/55, arrangements were made with Chief of Police ROBERT V. MURRAY to interview all the officers assigned to the Morals Squad, Washington PD, so that those who were present at the time of the alleged mistreatment of the victims could be identified and interviewed. As a result of these arrangements, six Agents of the WFO proceeded to Police Headquarters in the middle of the afternoon of 2/12/55, and there SAs [redacted] and [redacted] talked with Deputy Chief [redacted] in charge of the Morals Squad, to arrange for the interviews of the officers involved and to get suitable space. Deputy Chief [redacted] first requested authority to tape record all the interviews, stating this was the practice of the Police Department with reference to interviews with police officers. He was advised there would be no interviews conducted by any Bureau Agent with a tape recorder. He asked that the decision to not permit tape recording be placed on a tape recorder in the Agent's voice. He was advised this would not be done. Then he indicated it was a matter of policy that required him to get in touch with Chief MURRAY; however, he subsequently decided he would not insist on the recordings but asked for permission to sit in on the interviews. He was advised no interview would be conducted with any recording equipment, with any stenographer present, with any other police officer present or with any superior officer present.

When advised of the Bureau's position relative to conducting interviews that were to be recorded, LUTZ was visibly upset and stated he did "not believe the American public would appreciate the Bureau's position".

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He was told by the Agents that the American public would be the judges. [] then commented he was glad he was still on "the Committee". It has been confidentially ascertained from Inspector [] that Deputy Chief [] is on the Board of Directors of the Police Association. He served as President of this organization last year or the year before. One of his duties as a member of the Board is to contact Congressmen on the Hill relative to benefits for policemen.. It is believed this is the Committee to which he referred.

At the time of the original interview with Deputy Chief [] Inspector [] of the Morals Squad, was also present. In the presence of the Agents and [] [] made the statement that he wanted to play fair with the FBI and was insistent that the FBI be notified in the event tape recordings were made of the interviews. Subsequently he advised confidentially he believed that [] had fully intended, even without Agents' knowledge, to record the Agents' interviews with the police officers. During the entire procedure, Inspector [] who was most cordial and cooperative with the WFO Agents, was in agreement with their position.

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It is noted that after the Bureau's position with reference to these interviews had been made clear, Deputy Chief [] arranged proper space and the interviews were handled expeditiously and without further incident.

Accompanied by SA [] I called on Chief MURRAY in his office shortly after noon, which is the first time he was available. I told Chief MURRAY that we resented very much the effort on the part of Deputy [] to record the interviews of our Agents with the representatives of the MPD and, particularly, the fact that [] wanted to record the Agents' refusal to permit the recording of such interviews. I further told Chief MURRAY that we resented too [] remarks concern-

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Director
Private [redacted]
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ing our handling of the investigation. Chief MURRAY said that [redacted] is a bullheaded, tactless, blunt but honest police officer. He said he regrets [redacted] lack of tact in his remarks concerning this investigation. MURRAY added that [redacted] invariably records any official interviews which he conducts in his office and, therefore, [redacted] probably thought nothing about this matter.

It was pointed out to Chief MURRAY that [redacted] attitude and comments implied a lack of trust on the part of Bureau Agents in conducting interviews with members of the MPD in Civil Rights matters. The Chief was told that if [redacted] had any cases on which to base such an attitude we certainly wanted to know about it. Chief MURRAY stated that he was positive that [redacted] had no such cases. On the contrary, the Chief said the FBI has always been more than fair in its investigations of cases of this nature involving his department.

While talking with Chief MURRAY, he exhibited a copy of a letter dated today, which he addressed to United States Attorney [redacted] requesting that the facts of this case be presented to a Federal Grand Jury.

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MURRAY stated that [redacted] had authorized him to advise the press that he, MURRAY, had requested the matter be placed before the Grand Jury.

United States Attorney [redacted] called me at 3 P.M. today and stated he wanted the Bureau to know that Chief MURRAY had directed a letter to him today requesting that the facts of this case be presented to a Federal Grand Jury. [redacted] stated that he told Chief MURRAY that nothing would be done until the FBI had completed its investigation. [redacted] added that he had told the press that the Department and the United States Attorney generally collaborated on cases of this type.

In view of the attitude and comments of Deputy [redacted] the Agents of this office are being instructed to have no further contact with him, except where absolutely necessary and then only upon the express authorization of the ASAC or myself.

1. Very well handled.
2. No contact should be had with [redacted]
3. I still think the D.C. Police Dept

under Murray in what it should be. The entire agent control office should be in immediate with their entire staff towards FBI. All members of the office are to be advised of this. No more collaboration on cases of this type.

SAC, Washington Field (44-224)

2/17/55

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Private [redacted] Detective Sgt.
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Reurlet 2/14/55. In view of the actions, comments and attitude of Deputy Chief of Police Clarence A. Lutz in the above case, you are instructed that no contact is to be had with Lutz by you or by any of the Agents of the Washington Field Office.

In reviewing the facts as presented by you, I am convinced that Chief of Police Robert V. Murray of the Metropolitan Police Department is either unable to control his subordinates or he is in sympathy with their antipathy and antagonistic attitude toward the Bureau. For your information, no more candidates from the Metropolitan Police Department will be accepted for the FBI National Academy until there has been a real change in the department.

I would like to commend you for the manner in which you handled the protest to Chief Murray regarding Deputy Chief Lutz's action in this matter.

cc - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen

cc - Personnel File - SAC L.L. Laughlin

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, 25, D. C.

FORM APPROVED
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR. - MISS - MRS. - FIRST - MIDDLE INITIAL - LAST) MR. LEO L. LAUGHLIN		2. DATE OF BIRTH 01772 9-10-10	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION No. F. B. I. 23441	4. DATE 2-11-55										
This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:														
5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY) REASSIGNMENT		6. EFFECTIVE DATE 2-13-55	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY EXCEPTED BY LAW											
FROM Inspector GS 16 \$12,200 per annum		8. POSITION TITLE Special Agent in Charge	TO Same Same											
9. SERVICE, SERIES, SALARY, GRADE Same		10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS Same												
11. HEADQUARTERS Washington, Federal Bureau of Investigation		12. FIELD OR DEPT'L See Below												
13. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE <table border="1"><tr><td>NONE</td><td>WW1</td><td>OTHER</td><td>5-PT.</td><td>10-POINT</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>DISAB. OTHER</td></tr></table>		NONE	WW1	OTHER	5-PT.	10-POINT	X				DISAB. OTHER	14. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION CSC#131 (Series 1811) vacancy-new pos. approved by CSC on 1-31-55.		
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APPROVED J. E. Hoover DIRECTOR, F. B. I.		Eff. 5-13-55 basis for this position is Public Law #94, 84th Congress. Laughlin reassign. eff. 9-7-54. JWP/ast 91												
REMARKS: The provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act of 1951 have been complied with. The classification grade of this position is subject to post-audit and correction pursuant to Section 1310 of the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1952 - Public Law #253, approved 11-1-51.														
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February 8, 1955

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

Your letter of February 1, 1955, concerning the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Special Employee Leo L. Murphy on February 10, has been received.

It was most thoughtful of you to invite me to be with you on this occasion. You may be sure that I will drop in if at all possible.

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. Holloman, with copy of incoming.

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Mr. Sizoo	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

February 1, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

February 10 marks the Twenty-fifth Anniversary in the Bureau of Special Employee Leo M. Murphy, of this office. We plan to celebrate the occasion by having a get-together of his friends in Room 507, Old Post Office Building, from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. on that date.

We know you are tremendously busy, but all of us, and particularly Leo, would be highly honored if you could see fit to stop by.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Leo L. Laughlin
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February 25, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I am highly pleased with the manner in which the investigation of the Civil Rights case involving Private [redacted] and others, was handled, and I do not want to let the occasion pass without expressing my appreciation for your competent services in this regard.

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The capable over-all supervision of this delicate investigation by you and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Howard B. Fletcher contributed materially to the exemplary results achieved in such a short period of time. I am happy to commend you and through you Mr. Fletcher for a job exceptionally well done.

Sincerely yours,

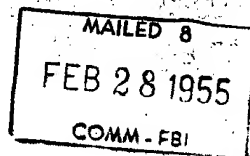
J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mr. Rosen (Personal Attention) - For information only.

Personnel file of ASAC Howard B. Fletcher

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I have thoroughly reviewed the facts relative to the inefficient functioning of the Washington Field Office in connection with the handling of certain information regarding the activities of an informant which tended to place the Bureau in a position of potential embarrassment. I have noted that both the agent who first received this data and his supervisor handled this important information in a routine fashion and I consider their ineptness to be a reflection on your administration of the Washington Field Office.

As Special Agent in Charge you have the over-all responsibility for the efficient functioning of the Washington Field Office. I shall expect you, therefore, to institute immediate steps to insure that there will be no repetition of a situation of this nature.

Very truly yours,

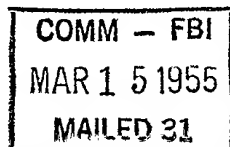
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: SOG Washington Field Office Personnel File
Letter is based on memo from Mr. Boardman to the Director,
dated 3/7/55, JDD:FJB:mam:ph

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FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: PRIVATE [redacted] also known as;
DETECTIVE SERGEANT [redacted]
UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

[redacted] also known as
also known as - VICTIMS
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Washington F.O.

By memorandum dated 2/18/55 the SAC of the Washington Field Office recommended that SAs [redacted] and [redacted] be commended for their work and effort in this case, and that SA [redacted] be particularly commended for his coordination of the investigative effort as the Agent to whom this case was assigned.

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This case involves the alleged beating of the victims at the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Headquarters, Morals Division, on the night of 2/9/55.

Complaint received by Washington Field Office (WFO) on 2/10/55, and U. S. Attorney (USA) [redacted] of the District of Columbia requested a full investigation and [redacted] Chief of the Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, concurred with the opinion of the USA [redacted] on 2/11/55.

WFO submitted a 103-page report on 2/14 and a report on 2/15 incorporating interviews of subjects, victims, all known witnesses, doctors, and hospital examiners of victim [redacted]. The Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division of the Department was furnished with results of investigation and copies of reports at 10:38 A.M. 2/15/55.

United States Attorney [redacted] commented to the local papers after receipt of the Washington Field Office investigation that the investigation was "very, very thorough." The Criminal Division of the Department by memorandum dated 2/17/55 [redacted] This refers to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 13, 1955, at Washington, D. C. We note that complaint in this matter came to the Bureau's attention on Thursday, February 10, 1955. [redacted] a matter of [redacted] just a few days which followed the aforementioned report, consisting of 102 pages, was in the hands of this Division. The report reflects thorough and painstaking inquiry by the agents, and the fact that it was prepared and transmitted to us within such a short time is a cause

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cc: Mr. Mohr

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

of great satisfaction to us. We wish to express our appreciation for the fine teamwork displayed in this matter by the Washington Field Office as well as for the usual excellent cooperation of your staff at the Seat of Government."

The Investigative Division agrees with the recommendation of SAC Laughlin of the Washington Field Office and it is to be noted in this connection that Supervisor [redacted] supervised this case at the Seat of Government from its inception and furnished instruction and guidance to the Washington Field Office in this matter, it is further noted Supervisor [redacted] voluntarily worked eight hours and forty-six minutes overtime on 2/14/55 and two hours and forty minutes overtime on 2/15/55 on this case. b6 b7C

ACTION:

If approved this memorandum should be forwarded to the Administrative Division in order that letters of commendation can be prepared and sent to the Agents named by SAC Laughlin and to Supervisor [redacted]. In addition a letter should be forwarded to SAC Leo Laughlin commending him for the over-all supervision and handling of this case with the Metropolitan Police Department and the letter should also commend ASAC Howard B. Fletcher for his supervision of this case.

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Letter of Commendation

2/25/55

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

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Name of Employee: LEO L. LAUGHLIN

Where Assigned: Washington Field
(Division) (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: Special Agent in Charge

Rating Period: from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Employee's
Initials

Rated by: [Signature] Assistant Director 3/31/55
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: [Signature] Associate Director 3/31/55
Signature Title Date

Rating approved by: [Signature] Assistant Director APR 5 1955
Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

☒ Official
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NARRATIVE COMMENTS

Note: The regulations require that OUTSTANDING ratings be supported by a statement in writing setting forth IN DETAIL the performance IN EVERY ASPECT and the REASONS for considering each worthy of SPECIAL COMMENDATION.

UNSATISFACTORY ratings must be supported by a statement in writing stating (1) WHEREIN the performance is unsatisfactory, (2) the facts of the (90 day) PRIOR WARNING, and (3) the efforts made AFTER THE WARNING TO HELP the employee bring his performance up to a satisfactory level.

April 4, 1955

Mr. L. L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

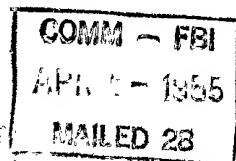
Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of a suggestion which you have made concerning overtime. Your suggestion will be carefully considered and you will be advised in the event it is adopted.

The Bureau appreciates your attention to methods for improving the efficiency of its operations and I hope you will continue to submit such ideas as may come to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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(Suggestion # 175-55)

Referred to Division 3 for views 4/1/55 - hcc

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 7, 1955

FROM : Mr. L. V. Boardman

SUBJECT

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SYNOPSIS:

The Washington City News Service, on March 2, 1955, and the Washington Post and Times Herald, on March 3, 1955, carried news items to effect Loyalty and Security Program had complicated mental problems of persons under investigation.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Nichols
Administrative Division

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s 1941 due to their Communist affiliation. [redacted]

[redacted] and one of them, [redacted]
[redacted] Spain. Memoranda
containing more detailed information are attached regarding [redacted]
[redacted] has been a confidential informant
of the Washington Field Office since [redacted] He has been
operating with the Bureau since [redacted] as a confidential
source. He has furnished reliable information and his potential as an
informant has been very good. [redacted]
[redacted] the FBI. [redacted]

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[redacted] Washington, D. C.
[redacted] Yale University, he was reported to be a member of the
Communist League. He has been the subject of two separate loyalty
investigations, due principally to his father's association with subjects
of the [redacted] case. A separate memorandum is being submitted
on [redacted] The informant [redacted] first reported information
concerning [redacted] to SA [redacted] of the Washington Field
Office on [redacted] Information was not received at the
Bureau until [redacted] and was received in the Domestic Intelligence
Division on [redacted] On the next evening, [redacted] the Washington
Field Office was instructed to furnish additional information concerning
the matter and was asked whether any possibility [redacted]

[redacted] Supervisor [redacted] of Washington Field Office,
advised that [redacted]
Additional details regarding this matter furnished by Washington Field
[redacted] and Bureau requested Washington Field to submit explanation
regarding the handling of this matter. SAC Laughlin of Washington Field
Office recommended censure for SA [redacted] and Supervisor [redacted] of the
[redacted] The informant advised on [redacted] he had

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received a call from [redacted] The
informant referred [redacted] which organization has

[redacted] On [redacted] the informant advised he
received a letter from [redacted] wanted [redacted]

[redacted] He also said that [redacted]

[redacted] The informant said he will [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

The explanations of SA [redacted] and Supervisor [redacted] of the
Washington Field Office are attached for your information. The informant
stated if he is called before a Congressional Committee or any other
hearing, he will not reveal his confidential connection with the FBI.
Analysis of this entire situation and recommendations for action set
out hereinafter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) In view of the fact that SA [redacted], of the Washington Field Office did not properly evaluate the situation when the matter [redacted] was brought to his attention by the informant on [redacted] and thereby prevented the Bureau from having an opportunity to explore what could be done in order to protect the Bureau's interest, it is recommended he be severely censured and placed on probation.

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Agree 3/8 *Agree 3/7* *Agree 3/8*
Yes. H.

(2) Inasmuch as Supervisor [redacted], of the Washington Field Office initialed the correspondence, concerning SA [redacted] contact with the informant on [redacted] to the Bureau as a routine piece of mail, it is recommended that he receive a severe letter of censure.

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Agree 3/8 *Agree 3/7* *Agree 3/8*
Yes. H.

(3) Inasmuch as this matter was promptly recognized at the Seat of Government as being a situation which might prove embarrassing and immediate action was taken to find out what could be done, no administrative action is recommended for Seat of Government personnel.

OK. *Agree 3/7* *Agree 3/7*
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(4) Washington Field is attempting to obtain a copy of [redacted] as soon as possible. The informant will be asked to identify the cases [redacted] so that our files can be checked relative thereto.

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(5) A SAC letter is being prepared reiterating previous instructions to the field to report promptly any matter of unusual interest received from a confidential informant. The SAC letter will further point out the extreme undesirability of an informant affiliating himself in any way with [redacted]. This, of course, will not apply to such informants as [redacted] who is [redacted]

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(6) It is recommended that [redacted]

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(7) Inasmuch as we do not know where this situation will stop, it is recommended that as soon as we obtain [redacted] from the informant and he has identified the cases, [redacted]

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(8) [redacted]

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(9) Despite the fact that this matter was not called to the attention of SAC Laughlin by his personnel, he has the overall responsibility for his Division, and it is recommended that he receive a letter of censure.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THE PERSONNEL
FILES OF SAS GLASS AND MOORE ARE
ATTACHED.

DETAILS:

BACKGROUND:

The Washington City News Service on March 2, 1955, and the Washington Post and Times Herald, on March 3, 1955, carried news items to the effect that the Loyalty and Security Program had complicated the mental problems of persons under investigation.

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Our files reflect that

While at Yale University he was reported to be a member of the Young Communist League. He has been the subject of two separate loyalty investigations due principally to his father's association with subjects of the case. A separate memorandum is being submitted for your information on

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FAILURE OF WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TO PROMPTLY REPORT SIGNIFICANT
INFORMATION FURNISHED BY A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

[redacted] a confidential
[redacted] advised Special Agent

[redacted], that the informant [redacted]

[redacted]
Special Agent [redacted] reported this matter to the Bureau by letter dated [redacted]. The letter reached the Bureau on [redacted] and was received in the Domestic Intelligence Division on [redacted]. On the next evening, [redacted] Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner telephoned the Washington Field Office and in the absence of the Special Agent in Charge who was on sick leave, discussed this matter with Supervisor [redacted]. It was pointed out to [redacted] that the letter from Washington Field did not furnish sufficient information and he was asked to promptly obtain all of the details regarding this matter in order that the Bureau might be in a position to determine what action if any should be taken. [redacted] was asked whether there was any possibility of [redacted] and he stated that [redacted]. Supervisor [redacted] said he would have Special Agent [redacted] furnish all the details to the Bureau on the morning of [redacted].

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On the morning of [redacted] the Washington Field Office hand-carried a letter to the Bureau which gave additional information concerning this matter. The Washington Field Office was requested on [redacted] to furnish explanations regarding the handling of [redacted] received from the informant together with recommendations for appropriate administrative action. [redacted] explanations were received at the Bureau from Special Agent [redacted] and Supervisor [redacted] together with a recommendation by the Special Agent in Charge that both Special Agent [redacted] and Supervisor [redacted] be censured for the manner in which they handled this matter. These memoranda are attached for your further information. Also under date of [redacted] Special Agent [redacted] submitted a separate memorandum concerning his contacts with the informant regarding [redacted]. In this explanation Special Agent [redacted] stated that he first learned of [redacted] on [redacted] on a regular meet with the informant which took place in an automobile. He [redacted] at that time but the informant explained to him that [redacted].

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The informant said [redacted]
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On [redacted] Special Agent [redacted] again contacted the informant this time at his home. The informant [redacted]

At that time the informant showed SA [redacted]
SA [redacted] stated that he [redacted]

[redacted] as the informant had reported
SA [redacted] stated that at no time either on [redacted]
did the informant seek the approval of SA [redacted]

SA [redacted] stated that he did not
in any way by word or implication [redacted]

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AND ADDITIONAL CONTACTS WITH THE INFORMANT

On [redacted] Mr. Belmont instructed SAC Laughlin to
immediately obtain [redacted] and to have the informant
[redacted] The Washington Field Office has not been able
to get [redacted] but the informant has stated [redacted]

The difficulty in [redacted]
[redacted] is due to the fact that the informant [redacted]

Washington Field Office
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On [redacted] the informant was interviewed and said
that [redacted]

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He said that he had received a call on [redacted] from
[redacted]

The informant also said that if he were called before a Congressional
committee he [redacted]

[redacted] The informant
was told that if he were called before a Congressional committee
the Bureau would not in any way interfere with that hearing or intervene
in his behalf.

In an airtel to the Bureau dated [redacted] the Washington Field Office advised that the informant was again contacted on that date. At that time the informant said [redacted]

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SA Glass told the informant that [redacted]

ANALYSIS

A complete analysis of this situation reveals the following facts. The informant [redacted] to Special Agent C. Edwin Glass, Jr., of the Washington Field Office on [redacted]

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Despite the informant's statement to SA Glass that [redacted]

[redacted] This opens up the possibility that the informant [redacted]

Our analysis reveals, without any question that it was a most undesirable thing for a Bureau informant [redacted]

The analysis further reflects that although SA Glass first learned [redacted] the informant [redacted] received at the Bureau until [redacted]

[redacted] If the field had immediately notified the Bureau of this matter, we could have explored the possibility of whether it would have been desirable to [redacted]

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In addition, we could have advised the Attorney General in advance [redacted]

[redacted] If we had been [redacted]

In further analyzing this situation to see what corrective steps can be taken, we feel that it is desirable to send out an SAC Letter reiterating previous instructions that important matters received from an informant be immediately furnished to the Bureau, and also to point out the extreme undesirability of an informant affiliating himself in any way with [redacted]. We are having the Washington Field Office obtain [redacted] as soon as possible. The informant will be asked to [redacted] so that our files can be checked [redacted].

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Consideration is being given to having [redacted] public source leads concerning the [redacted] and [redacted] connected with this organization. [redacted] and [redacted] we should advise the Attorney General. We will also furnish him with whatever information we can obtain concerning [redacted]. We will further tell him that [redacted] is a confidential informant of the Bureau and that although [redacted].

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/22/55

FROM : SAC, WFO

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2);
[REDACTED] VICTIM
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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Re WFO let 3/16/55. For the information of the Bureau, there are attached two copies of a letter dated 3/21/55 from United States Attorney LEO A. ROVER, which is self-explanatory.

Attachment (2)

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LEO A. ROVER

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 21, 1955

Mr. L. L. Laughlin
Special Agent in Charge
Washington Field Office
Room 506, Old Post Office Bldg.
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: [redacted] Unknown Subject-2;
[redacted] - Victim

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Dear Mr. Laughlin:

Thank you so much for your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing memorandum reflecting the results of the interview by your agents with [redacted] in connection with the complaint she made to this office in which she indicated [redacted]

It is obvious from the interview that there is no foundation here of any violation of the civil rights statute, but I do appreciate the promptness and efficiency in which this matter was handled.

It is a source of great satisfaction to this office to be able to refer to your Department alleged violations of this statute; we have no other way of having matters of this sort investigated and it is certainly a great contribution to efficient law enforcement for your Department to move in promptly on complaints of this character and run them down factually.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for the fine service your unit is rendering to this office.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leo A. Rover
United States Attorney

COPY

April 14, 1955

[redacted]
c/o Honorable Leonard P. Lipscomb
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin, Special Agent in Charge of our Washington Field Office, has shown me your thoughtful letter of April 11, 1955, and he, as well as [redacted] joins me in extending sincere thanks for your kindness and good wishes.

You may be sure that it was a pleasure to be of service, and we are happy that you enjoyed your visit to FBI Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,



- (2) cc's - Washington Field Office, with (2) copies of incoming
cc - Tour Room, with copy of incoming
cc - Personnel File of SAC L. E. Laughlin, with copy of incoming
cc - Personnel File of [redacted] with copy of incoming

NOTE: Although correspondent mentions the tour through the "mail office," it is believed she has reference to the "main office" of the FBI, since she was afforded a tour by a qualified tour leader, [redacted] who EOD 4-5-54 as clerk, GS-9, assigned WFO, accompanied her on the tour.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 11, 1955

Mr. L. L. Laughlin
Special Agent in Charge
Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
12th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for
arranging a tour for me through the mail office of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation on Thursday, April 7.

I also wish to thank you for having [redacted]
[redacted] from your office, accompany me. The tour
was most interesting and educational. I was especially
interested in the Scientific Investigation Division of
the Bureau.

Again, thank you for arranging the tour.

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With all good wishes to you and the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

[redacted]
[redacted]
Office of Congressman Lipscomb

April 8, 1955

[redacted]
Regional Sales Manager
Colonial Airlines, Inc.
1510 A Street, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

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It was certainly a pleasure to read your most thoughtful letter of March 29, 1955, in which you commented so favorably regarding your contact with our representatives, and my associates and I are deeply grateful for your kindness.

Needless to say, we earnestly hope that our conduct and work will continue to merit the confidence you have expressed in us.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

- cc - Washington Field Office, with copy of incoming.
- cc - Mr. N. P. Callahan, 5517, with copy of incoming.
- ✓ cc - Personnel file of SAC Leo L. Laughlin, with copy of incoming.
- cc - Personnel file of Nicholas P. Callahan, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Bufiles reflect no record identifiable with Mr. Unbekant. Mr. Laughlin, SAC, Washington Field Office. Inspector Nicholas P. Callahan, EOD 3-4-35 as Messenger; 6-26-39 as SA; assigned Administrative Division, GS-16.

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Address reply to:
1519 "K" Street, N.W.
Washington 5, D.C.

March 29, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Building
10th. Street & Constitution Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Having recently been appointed to a new position in Washington, I have been contacting various government offices introducing myself and endeavoring to find out what makes Washington tick.

In these calls I have visited several of the Federal Bureau of investigation offices. Without reservation, I wish to state I have never met a better group of men. They have never been too busy to see me, they always seem glad to meet me and always make me feel as though I have done them a favor by calling.

Specifically I refer to Mr. Nicholas Callahan and Mr. Leo Laughlin, the rest are too numerous to mention.

Their psychology in dealing with the public is unsurpassed, integrity (state of being complete or whole; uprightness; virtue; honesty; soundness; unimpaired or unbroken state of anything.) which appears on the FBI seal, belongs there.

I am not alone in my respect for the FBI, in all these years the public look up to your organization and feel national pride in it and the men representing it.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Regional Sales Manager

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*Rec'd Tolson
Ingram*
May 4, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Yesterday I saw Special Agent in Charge Leo L. Laughlin of the Washington Field Office. Mr. Laughlin makes an excellent personal appearance, and I believe is quite diligent in his work.

I told Mr. Laughlin that I was by no means satisfied with the general operations of the Washington Field Division in that I had a feeling that office was not as productive as it should be nor had the spirit and esprit de corps which a headquarters office located at the Seat of Government should have.

I called Mr. Laughlin's attention to the fact that his office had dropped in the statistical accomplishments as to the number of convictions obtained; number of fugitives apprehended; and the number of automobiles recovered. I also pointed out to him that an excessive amount of time was being spent in the office by the investigative personnel. I called his attention to the fact that there had been 33 letters of censure addressed to the Washington Field Division during the last six months; that one Agent failed the examination given by the Inspector, and that four stenographers likewise failed their examinations. I stated that I was also concerned about the security in that there had obviously been a leak from some Agent assigned to the Washington Field Office in connection with the [] matter. I said that all of these elements led me to believe that the office needed a more vigorous administration.

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I mentioned to Mr. Laughlin that I noted there were 60 Agents assigned to the Washington Field Office who had not qualified for testimony in court, and that this was a very serious condition and, while I realized the limitations of the Washington

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Field Office in effecting qualification of Agents in this respect, I did believe that greater effort should be made to see that the Agents who had not yet so qualified were qualified shortly. In this respect it may be well to consider a rotation of personnel into the Washington Field Office so that those Agents who have not had the necessary field experience and have not had the opportunity to qualify to testify in Federal Court are accorded the same through transfers to field divisions where there is more work of a criminal character. Any such rotation should be worked out carefully and in cooperation with Special Agent in Charge Laughlin so that no unnecessary hardships will be imposed either upon personnel or in the operation of the Washington Field Division.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 6, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

Your kind letter of March 29, 1955, regarding a group of agents of your office admitted to practice before the Supreme Court on March 28 was most gratifying and I am taking this opportunity to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

It was indeed a pleasure to personally congratulate each of these agents and to be photographed with the entire group. I have informed Mr. L. B. Nichols of the complimentary remarks of these agents regarding his assistance in this matter and he joins me in thanking them for their splendid attitude. Please convey to each my personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mr. Nichols (Personal Attention)

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Based on memo from SAC, WFO: 8/29/55, LLL:MCP:

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April 19, 1955

H. L. Edwards
Harbo

Mr. L. L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

Thank you very much indeed for your suggestion of March 31, 1955. It has been carefully considered and is being adopted. Separate instructions will be issued to the field to put this suggestion into effect.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

EDM:hcc/lab (Suggestion #175-55)

Memorandum 4-12-55 R. T. Harbo to Mr. Tolson recommended adoption. Forms Desk, Training and Inspection Division, to handle revision of form.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 23, 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: LEO L. LAUGHLIN, SAC (Employee)
PERSONNEL STATUS CHANGEWASHINGTON FIELD (Division)ADDRESS AND PHONE CHANGE:

Present phone: _____ (City)

Present address: _____

MARITAL STATUS:

Married to _____

On _____ at _____

Remarks:

BIRTHS:Girl named _____ Boy named (Name not selected)Born on May 23, 1955 at Georgetown University HospitalTo employee and Mrs. LEO L. LAUGHLINThis is their fifth child.

Remarks:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION

175-55

Date: March 31, 1955

To: Director, FBI

From: L. L. LAUGHLIN, SAC

Division of assignment: WFO

SUGGESTION:

Since it is necessary under Fringe Benefits Bill for the new office of assignment to have the overtime of an Agent under transfer as promptly as possible, it is suggested Form FD-109 be amended to include insertion of this information.

Current practice or rule (include manual citation as well as facts):

Not previously necessary.

Advantages of suggestion:

Saves separate typing or forwarding of this material to agent's new office.

Disadvantages of suggestion:

None.

The use by the United States of my suggestion shall not form the basis of a further claim of any nature by me, my heirs, or assigns upon the United States.

L. L. Laughlin
(Signature of suggestor)

Recommendations and comments of Division Head:

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18 MAY 13 1955

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(Signature & Title)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 18, 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF AGENTS IN WFO

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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The Bureau authorized the rotation of assignments of Agents in this office under the [redacted] for the purpose of affording full and complete coverage on a [redacted] basis. When the Program was suspended by the Bureau, it was felt that the reason for the Bureau's approval of the rotation system was no longer applicable. Therefore, necessary coverage was attempted by the assignment of personnel as for any other investigative matter. The rotation system of the necessary number of men could have been utilized effectively under these circumstances. As the Bureau has instructed, this is being done immediately.

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I regret exceedingly my failure to handle this matter properly. I am sorry, too, that we have Agents assigned to this office who do not have a better understanding and appreciation of the Bureau's responsibilities.

Laughlin should have sought advice from the Bureau before changing the set-up. I suggest he be so advised by letter for future guidance.

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- yes. This action has resulted in a flood of complaints from the newspapers & news papers.

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May 27, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

May I take this opportunity to offer Mrs. Laughlin and you my heartiest congratulations on the joyous occasion of the birth of your son.

It is my sincere wish that your little boy's future years will be filled with many blessings.

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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May 25, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I have reviewed your communications of May 18, 1955, regarding the assignments made by you of certain Special Agents following the recent discontinuance of a phase of the physical surveillance program previously handled in your division and I note that your action amounted to placing a number of Special Agents on a six-day work week. This action was taken by you without prior Bureau clearance and as you know has resulted in certain criticism.

You should have conferred with the Bureau before taking the action mentioned above and in the future I shall expect you to secure Bureau authority before taking action in situations of this nature and importance.

Very truly yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: SOG Washington Field Office Personnel File

Based on ltr from SAC, WFO dated 5/18/55, LLL:MCP

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June 29, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

I am well pleased with the excellent results achieved by the Washington Field Office in a recent operation pertaining to the internal security of the country and I wish to express my appreciation for your part in this accomplishment.

I feel this achievement is a credit to the alert, intelligent over-all supervision and guidance you afforded this most delicate and difficult endeavor. It is a pleasure to commend you for your exemplary efforts in this direction.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

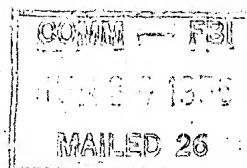
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Based on memo 6/14/55 Belmont to Boardman SBD:dmd
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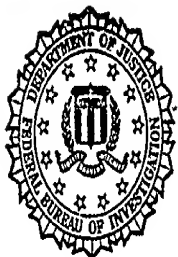
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Leo L. (Mary E.) Laughlin Relationship Wife Date 5-27-55

Address 512 Linden Lane, Falls Church, Virginia

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in the line of duty.

Name Mrs. Leo L. (Mary E.) Laughlin Relationship Wife Date 5-27-55

Address 512 Linden Lane, Falls Church, Virginia

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Very truly yours,

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L. L. Laughlin
Special Agent

July 1, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I am very much displeased with the inadequate attention which you gave to the assignment of Agents on week-end duty and the laxity on your part which resulted in Special Agent Carlisle E. Thompson's being scheduled for two consecutive work shifts on Sunday, June 19, 1955. On June 20, you took corrective action by issuing instructions that Agents engaged in the rotation system on surveillances should not also be scheduled for week-end complaint duty in the office. If you had been properly alert you would have taken this action earlier and would not have put the Bureau in a position where justifiable criticism could be expressed. It is imperative that you examine other procedures used in your office to make certain that there is proper consideration for employees who must engage in week-end or holiday work assignments.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc-Mr. J. P. Mohr, with enclosure (Detached)
Mr. R. T. Harbo, with enclosure

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(Based on memo R. T. Harbo to Mr. Tolson 6/20/55 re Carlisle E. Thompson, SA, WFO) EDM:DMG

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July 1, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

I am taking this opportunity to advise you of my deep appreciation for your exemplary services which aided immeasurably in achieving the successful conclusion of the Fraud Against the Government case involving [redacted]

It has been most gratifying to me to note the high calibre of your competent over-all supervision of this case and I want you to know I consider your noteworthy performance deserving of praise. It is a pleasure to commend you at this time.

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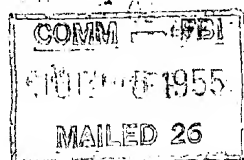
Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mr. Belmont - For information only.

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Based on memo Belmont to Boardman 6/29/55 WAA:hpf.

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1. Agency and organizational designations U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation		2. Pay roll	3. Block No.	4. Slip No. 30863
5. Employee's name (and social security account number when appropriate) LEO L. LAUGHLIN 01772		6. Grade and salary GS 16, \$12,400		

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14. Effective date 7-17-55	15. Date last equivalent increase 1-17-54	16. Old salary rate \$12,200	17. New salary rate \$12,400	18. Performance rating is satisfactory or better. (Signature or other authentication)
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19. LWOP data (Fill in appropriate spaces covering LWOP during following periods):

Period(s):

☒ No excess LWOP. Total excess LWOP

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☐ In LWOP status at end of waiting period.

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MR. TOLSON

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MR. R. F. HARBO

CARLYLE E. THOMPSON
SPECIAL AGENT
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
EOD - Messenger: 12/16/38
EOD - Agent: 6/21/43
GRADE GS-13

BACKGROUND:

SA Carlyle E. Thompson was assigned to a week-end surveillance shift which required that he be on duty Sunday, June 19, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; the surveillance shifts on week ends and holidays are rotated. Simultaneously, Thompson was scheduled by Washington Field Office for Complaint Duty within the field office from 4 p.m. until midnight on Sunday, June 19, 1955. After fulfilling his surveillance shift which concluded at 3:30 p.m. on June 19, Thompson recalled that he was also assigned to the evening Complaint Duty; notified his wife by phone at her residence in Chantilly, Virginia, that he would not be home for dinner; later called to state he would not be home at all that night because he had the early shift commencing at 8 a.m. the following workday.

You instructed that a representative of the Training and Inspection Division look into the matter of scheduling Agents for Complaint Duty on week ends and holidays.

FINDINGS:

Week-end and holiday surveillance shifts are rotated. Complaint Duty is also rotated and Agents are assigned to week-end or holiday Complaint Duty at widespread intervals; in other words, the same Agent will not have Complaint Duty very often. There is some merit in arranging to avoid surveillance Agents' meeting the public as a Complaint Agent.

In this instance there was a lack of correlation by Washington Field Office, which resulted in scheduling Agent Thompson for a work shift from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and another work shift from 4 p.m. until midnight on the same Sunday.

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cc-Lt. J. P. Mohr.

For Mr. Mohr's information, Mr. Tolson says the letter of censure to Thompson should be cancelled; the primary failure was in the administration of the Washington Field Office.

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Enclosure - 1

JUL 12 1955

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

Re: SA Carlyle E. Thompson
Washington Field Office

SAC L. L. Laughlin, Washington Field Office, took corrective action 6/20/55 (the day after Thompson was scheduled for two work shifts) and ordered that in the future surveillance Agents should not be used for week-end Complaint Duty.

CONCLUSIONS:

There was a lack of correlation in Washington Field Office which has not been corrected; it should have been corrected earlier; the failure of the SAC to correlate work shifts inconvenienced Agent Thompson and put the Bureau in a position where embarrassment could result.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. SAC Laughlin be censured by letter. Proposed letter is attached hereto.

Mr. J. P. Callahan, acting for Mr. J. P.

Mr. J. P. Mohr

Your proposed letter to Thompson is attached. The notation on the incoming that your division prepared a letter of censure has been crossed out.



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TO : L. V. BOARDMAN

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DATE: June 14, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

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Leo L. Laughlin

In December, 1954, information was received

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cc - Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Donahoe

Administrative Division Attachments (3)

SBD:and

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

July 7, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin /
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I was very grateful for your thoughtfulness in sending me the letter which all available Special Agent personnel of your office signed in protest to the "Washington Post and Times Herald" letter to the editor which appeared in the issue of June 30, 1955.

The spontaneous reaction of the agents who participated in this letter is certainly a source of encouragement to me, and I shall appreciate your so informing them. Such a response confirms my confidence that the Bureau's reputation, built by you and all other such loyal employees, is too solidly founded to be seriously impaired by such misguided untruths.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC: Mr. Nichols

RE: MAH

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Based on letter from SAC Laughlin to Director dated 7-1-55 transmitting above-mentioned letter.

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Room 506, Old Post Office Building
Washington Field Office
July 1, 1955

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would be interested in the attached letter, signed by Special Agent personnel of the Washington Field Office who were readily available, expressing their feelings regarding the letter to the Editor which appeared in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" on June 30, 1955, signed "FBI Agent."

The signing of the attached letter was entirely spontaneous on the part of the Agent personnel, and we feel that it represents their sincere resentment and indignation concerning the attempt of some person to give credit to someone other than you for the Fringe Benefits Bill.

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Sincerely yours,

L. L. LAUGHLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Attachment

Original filed in 67-286-2402

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 7/1/55

FROM : R. T. Harbo *RTH*

SUBJECT: COMPLAINT DUTY
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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It will be recalled that SA Carlyle E. Thompson was assigned to a weekend surveillance shift which required that he be on duty Sunday, June 19, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; he was scheduled for complaint duty in the field office from 4:00 p.m. until midnight on the same Sunday, June 19, 1955. Because of the lack of correlation in the Washington Field Office in scheduling this man for 2 consecutive work shifts on the same Sunday, SAC Laughlin was censured.

You instructed that we check further into complaint duty in Washington Field and as to whether it would be preferable to have an agent regularly assigned to such work. The Director agreed and pointed out that we failed completely to ascertain just what individuals made this atrocious fumble through lack of correlation.

FINDINGS:

RECEIVED
[redacted] (GS-3) prepares the roster of agents on weekend complaint duty from a box containing cards for all GS-12 and GS-13 agents in Washington Field Office. She took this job on April 1, 1955, and seeks to follow the practice, as did her predecessor, [redacted] of not assigning complaint duty to agents on rotating surveillances. [redacted] explains that Carlyle E. Thompson was scheduled for weekend complaint duty on June 19, 1955, despite the fact that he is on rotating surveillances because his card was inadvertently placed in the cards for agents who are not assigned to surveillance duty. She did not detect that Thompson was on surveillance duty. The completed roster was placed on squad bulletin board and in the room where all agents sign in and out for May 26, 1955, and it covers a period from June 4, 1955, through early August, 1955. SA Carlyle E. Thompson states that he could have noted this assignment from the roster on the bulletin board at any time following posting of that roster on May 26, 1955, but that he failed to check it because he has had weekend complaint duty so infrequently. This occasion was the first

cc - Mr. Mohr

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such duty since November, 1954, when he was changed from the Loyalty squad to surveillances. Thompson states that had he noted this assignment prior to the day it took place, he would have mentioned the double assignment to his supervisor.

Relief Supervisor [redacted] prepared surveillance assignments for week beginning 12:01 a.m. Sunday, June 19, 1955, on Friday of preceeding week. He checked surveillance agents scheduled for annual leave, physical examinations, and In-service, but did not check for weekend complaint duty on basis that surveillance agents should not be assigned to such duty. SAC Laughlin and ASAC Fletcher were unaware that there was a rule to the effect that agents on rotating surveillances should not serve on weekend complaint duty; Supervisor Oberndorf states rule in effect at least since 1953. SAC Laughlin has now instructed that agents on rotating surveillance assignments are not to be assigned weekend complaint duty and these instructions were effective June 20 which was the day after Thompson had worked 2 consecutive work shifts on Sunday.

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NORMAL HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS, WASHINGTON FIELD:

SA [redacted] limited duty, bad eyesight, takes complaints full time during the day shift Monday through Friday; night supervisor takes complaints until midnight Monday through Friday; complaints after midnight referred to Bureau supervisor (Bureau has approved all of preceeding). Two agents take complaints on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., rotating each week with different agents being used each Saturday. Another agent takes complaints 4:00 p.m. to 12 midnight on Saturday, different agent each Saturday. Same system followed on Sunday and holidays. Agents would draw such weekend or holiday duty from 2 to 3 times a year.

We do not believe that the same agents should handle complaint duty each weekend and this would require an adjustment in their workweek. The opportunity to serve on complaints is good experience for agents and helps keep them well rounded in various phases of our work in that they are brought in touch with a variety of matters.

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

CONCLUSIONS:

Clerk [redacted] was in error in scheduling Agent Thompson for Sunday complaint duty; Thompson had an opportunity to note that he was scheduled for duty on complaints and consult his supervisor but he did not; Relief Supervisor [redacted] in making up the surveillance schedule did not consult the previously prepared schedule for complaint duty and he relied on his understanding that surveillance agents should not be used on complaints; SAC Laughlin personally approved the schedule of complaint duty but Laughlin does not have occasion to approve the rotating surveillance schedule. Laughlin and Fletcher were unaware of the rule that surveillance agents not be used on complaints, however, Supervisor Oberndorf knew of this rule and expected it to be followed.

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The whole situation involves lack of proper organization and correlation within the office; ~~that~~ the responsibility for assuring proper functioning rests with Laughlin who has already been censured.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Since Laughlin has already been censured, no further administrative action be taken.

*Certainly a sad commentary
on Laughlin and Fletcher*

Laughlin

(2) Since instructions have now been issued that agents on rotating surveillances not be used on weekend complaints, no further action is necessary in this respect.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

(3) Since Washington Field has 1 complaint agent each week workday and 1 complaint agent each worknight, no change appears to be desirable; it is recommended that Saturday, Sunday, and holiday complaint duty be rotated among nonsurveillance agents as in the past in order that they may benefit from this experience.

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RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

7/3/55

I certify that I have received the following Government property for official use:
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICIAL PARKING PERMIT

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MULTILIATE IT IN ANY WAY.

Very truly yours,

L. L. Laughlin
L. L. Laughlin

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August 1, 1955

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks for your very competent services in connection with the investigation recently conducted to determine the source of an unauthorized disclosure of confidential information.

The successful handling of this extremely delicate matter is in accordance with the Bureau's highest standards and I feel much credit for this achievement is due to your splendid over-all supervision and to the exemplary fashion in which you personally handled top-level interviews. Your excellent work in this case indeed merits commendation.

Sincerely yours,
(s) J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mr. Belmont - ~~For information only.~~

Above investigation conducted to determine whether the source of an unauthorized disclosure of confidential data relating to a national petroleum program was traceable to any department or agency represented at NSC meeting of 5/19/55.

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Based on memo Belmont to Boardman 7/20/55 WTW:ss
Addendum to the Administrative Division 7/25/55 JBA:bak.

Salutation per Reading Room.

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Prepared by: *pm*
Checked by:
Filed by: *WJ/agt*

September 7, 1955

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of February 9, 1955, advising you were being designated as the incumbent of the Special Agent in Charge position, Grade GS 16, which was established by the Civil Service Commission in the Washington Field Office.

I am writing to advise that, effective September 7, 1955, you are being reassigned to the position of Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office, Grade GS 16, which was established under Public Law 84. This reassignment does not affect your salary or other status.

For your further information, this action is necessary because the provision in Public Law 84 which authorized thirty-seven super-grade positions for the Bureau was intended to absorb the Classification Act position which you occupied. Your new position will not be subject to post audit by the Civil Service Commission as was the one from which you are being reassigned and you should bear this in mind in the event of any future Civil Service Commission post audit of positions in your office.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 506, Old Post Office Building
Washington Field Office
July 1, 1955

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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L. L. LAUGHLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 20, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

JUNE

SUBJECT: "PETTY'S OIL LETTER,"
ISSUE OF MAY 21, 1955, ET CETERA
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L. L. Laughlin

Purpose of memo is to recommend letters of commendation for personnel responsible for the successful handling of this investigation and an incentive award of \$150 for SA Carl E. Graham of the Washington Field Office (WFO).

Referral/Consult

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) By letter dated 7-15-55 SAC Laughlin, WFO,

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CC: LVBoardman
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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Referral/Consult

By letter dated 7-15-55 SAC Laughlin, WFO, recommended letters of commendation for the following agents:

2) For the manifest exercising of good judgment, tact and diplomacy in handling of key interviews:

MAURICE A. TAYLOR
ALBERT H. SOLOMON, JR.
KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE
HOWARD FLETCHER, JR.
THOMAS A. MENDENHALL

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MARVIN C. EVANS
LAMBERT G. ZANDER (Presently
assigned Seattle)

Hold until Sig. of letter to SAC sent to
Dir. 8-2-55 AHB

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

3) For making a special technical installation under unusual and difficult circumstances:

WILFRED L. BERGERON
Supervisor CHARLES K. CORBETT (FBI Laboratory)

4) For the successful utilization of a special technique:

Supervisor LUDWIG W. R. OBERNDORF
SA [] (Presently assigned New York)

(L. L. Laughlin)

The Domestic Intelligence Division concurs with the recommendations of SAC Laughlin and also recommends that SAC Laughlin be commended for his personal supervision of this investigation and his personal interviews with Cabinet officers and top-level Government officials necessitating tact and discretion.

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5) It is recommended a letter of commendation be directed to Bureau Supervisor [] who aggressively directed the course of this investigation from its inception. His performance in this case was excellent.

6) It is recommended a letter of commendation be directed to [] Secretary (Stenography), GS-5, in the Espionage Section, who prepared the bulk of the correspondence in this case. Her work was of uniformly high quality and she gave unstintingly of her time and efforts without regard to personal convenience.

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION "I CONCUR. H"

ADDENDUM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

JBA:bak 7/25/55

Bureau Record of SA Carl E. Graham:

SA Graham entered on duty 5/5/41 and is in Grade GS-13, \$9420 per annum. Services entirely satisfactory.

Conclusions and Recommendations of Administrative Division:

The majority of the interviews and the actual correlation of this case handled by SA Graham. He also conducted the key interviews resulting in the solution of this case. A review of the personal file of SA Graham reflects he was commended 7/1/55 for the exceptional manner in which he handled a Fraud Against the Government case and he is consistently recommended as an agent of outstanding criminal investigative ability. His excellent performance meets the standard of the Incentive Awards Program concerning sustained above-average performance and entitles him to cash award of from \$150 to \$300 since his performance is considered to be of moderate value and broad application to the Bureau's work. It is recommended:

- (1) That SA Graham be granted a cash award of \$200.

Authorization & letter

LRH:js
8/1/55

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- (2) The Administrative Division concurs with the Domestic Intelligence Division in recommending commendation of the agents contributing to the success of this case as well as stenographer.

Done LRH:js
8-1-55

OK JPM 7/26

PERMANENT BRIEF OF THE PERSONNEL FILE OF SA GRAHAM IS ATTACHED.

Director, FBI (77-14995)

July 20, 1955

SAC, WFO (121-12027)

[redacted]
Military Intelligence
Research Analyst,
Department of the Army
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A Bureau memorandum dated January 5, 1950, from [redacted] to H. B. FLETCHER, among other things, contained a recommendation that IDA should be advised no further investigation will be conducted by the Bureau to develop the degree of association between [redacted] and the individuals mentioned in the MDW report (dated May 9, 1949) since that information was utilized during the course of the Loyalty investigation.

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I have been advised that this memorandum was initialed by me for Mr. H. B. FLETCHER.

On July 19, 1955, Inspector G. C. GEARTY, of the Bureau, telephonically requested an explanation of the reason advanced in this memorandum for not conducting further investigation, namely, "since the information in the MDW report was utilized during the course of the Loyalty investigation."

The procedure in effect in Loyalty cases at the time this memorandum was prepared was to furnish the interested field offices, for reference purposes, any information made available to the Bureau by an agency requesting an investigation. This was done to give the field all available background information and lead material. It was to be used by the field in connection with its investigation. According to this memorandum, the MDW report of May 9, 1949, was utilized by WFO during the course of the Loyalty investigation of [redacted] and "every effort was made to develop and clarify the information contained in the MDW report" The memorandum further states, "The inquiry requested by IDA was previously covered insofar as possible during the course of the Loyalty investigation."

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This memorandum on its face appeared to be factual, and I had no reason to question it. In view of its contents, I initialed it and forwarded it to the Liaison Section for discussion with IDA.

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See addendum on page 2.

ADDENDUM BY MASON: 7/21/55 EDM:jla.

Inspector Gearty and I believe that the comments of Mr. Laughlin as shown on the preceding page are entirely proper; clarify completely the question initially raised as to phraseology. No administrative action is recommended.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FORM APPROVED
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064

Prepared by: *[Signature]*
Checked by: *[Signature]*
Filed by: *[Signature]*

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

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September 16, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

The performance of the Washington Field Office in the 1955-56 FBI Employees Consolidated Charity Drive has been magnificent and I am taking this opportunity to commend you and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Howard B. Fletcher for your obviously splendid leadership, and through you I would like to express my hearty congratulations to your divisional representative on the Working Committee of the fund as well as every keyman whose enthusiastic efforts enabled your office to exceed its quota the opening day of the drive. This wonderful response to an undertaking so important to the area in which we live and work is certainly a grand tribute to all participating employees and I would appreciate your similarly letting them know how proud I am of their team spirit.

The solicitation period will not end until September 30, 1955. In the remaining days let us make our keynote "100 per cent employee participation." We achieved it last year. I am confident we can do likewise this year. Accordingly, when you hold your meeting of keymen to advise them of this letter, I shall be grateful if you will urge them to concentrate for the remainder of the solicitation period on attaining this goal by reaching all employees who have not had the opportunity to participate.

I shall continue to watch the remaining days of our drive with sustained enthusiasm in the hope that we will again be able to point with pride to the accomplishment of "100 per cent employee participation."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC: Mr. Bannon

Mr. C. L. Rogers

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Based on memo Edwards to Mohr dated 9/14/55, HDE:alh.

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September 30, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I have carefully reviewed the facts relating to the poor judgment manifested by an agent of the Washington Field Office in conducting a phase of the Special Inquiry investigation regarding [redacted] This agent in attempting to develop information pertaining to the current self-employment of [redacted] as an attorney interviewed the secretary of [redacted] notwithstanding Bureau regulations that the applicant in investigations of this nature should not be contacted without Bureau approval. Certainly, in following this course of action this agent should have foreseen the possibility that he would encounter [redacted] personally or be referred to him by his secretary and the judgment this agent manifested on this occasion indicated that an investigation of such a sensitive nature should not have been assigned to him.

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Hereafter, I must insist that you see to it that supervisors of the Washington Field Office assign investigations such as this only to mature, experienced Agents and that every precaution is taken to insure that such investigations are conducted carefully, with mature judgment, and in such a manner that the best interests of the Bureau will be adequately protected.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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OCT 7 1955

Based on memo Callan to Rosen dated 9/29/55, JRM:jh.

September 29, 1955

[redacted]
President
The Alexander Graham Bell
Chapter Number 15
Telephone Pioneers of America
725 18th Street, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

Your kind letter of September 28, 1955,
concerning the recent address by Special Agent in
Charge Leo L. Laughlin of our Washington Field
Office, has been received.

I am indeed pleased that Mr. Laughlin's
presentation was so well received, and it was
thoughtful of you to forward your generous remarks.

Sincerely yours,

cc - Washington Field Office, with copy of incoming

✓ cc - Personnel File of Mr. L. L. Laughlin, with copy of
incoming



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Life Member Club

THE ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL CHAPTER NO. 15
TELEPHONE PIONEERS OF AMERICA
725 THIRTEENTH ST., N.W. WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

September 23, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Ave. and 12th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

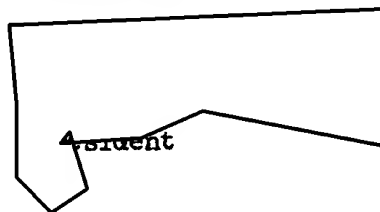
Dear Sir:

On Wednesday, September 21st, 1955, Mr. Leo L. Loughlin, Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office, gave a most interesting talk before one hundred and forty-three (143) members and guests of our organization.

The Life Member Club is composed of retired Bell System employees and we were all quite sorry when Mr. Loughlin had finished.

We are deeply indebted to him.

Sincerely,


Agent

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Copy to -
Mr. Leo L. Loughlin

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *et*

FROM : Mr. G. C. Gearty

SUBJECT: PETER J. TAMA
SPECIAL AGENT (A)
EOD CLERK 4/7/47
EOD SPECIAL AGENT 7/11/55
VETERAN

DATE: 9/7/55

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Tama made failing grades on the final examinations of Rules and Regulations and Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Evidence of 76.50 and 83.97 respectively. (85 is passing.) A recommendation is being made that his resignation be requested.

Tama is 33 years of age, married, and has one child. He has a BCS degree from Southeastern University.

BUREAU EXPERIENCE:

Tama entered on duty on 4/7/47, and was assigned to the Card Index Section of the Identification Division as a Clerk. Effective 4/20/47, however, he was transferred to the position of Operator of Office Machines in the Mechanical Section of the Administrative Division. He was promoted to Multilith Operator as of 8/10/47, and on 1/25/48 was reassigned to the position of Locate Clerk in the Files Section of the Records and Communications Division. Effective 4/6/48, however, Tama was transferred to the Washington Field Office, and on 4/18/48 was made a Translator. He was promoted to Clerk-Translator as of 11/14/48, and received a promotion to Translator on 3/26/49. Effective 11/26/50 he became a Translator-Interpreter. His title was changed to Special Employee on 10/28/51, in which position, Grade GS-10, he was serving at the time of his appointment as Special Agent. On his annual performance rating dated 3/31/55, Tama received a Satisfactory over-all rating, but was rated Outstanding in the elements of personal appearance, attitude, physical fitness, judgment, initiative, planning, ability, accuracy, industry, productivity, and ability in the Polish language.

Tama was commended by letter dated 4/9/48, because of the splendid attitude and very cooperative spirit he had displayed in substituting during the absence of the male clerk who handled the clerical liaison between the Bureau and the National Naval Medical Center. It was noted that this assignment had necessitated certain difficulties in connection

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CC: MR. MOHR

With continuing his schooling and had required various sacrifices on his part, which he had made in a very willing manner.

This employee was again commended on 5/8/51, for the splendid manner in which he had handled his assignment in connection with a highly confidential matter. It was felt that the loyalty which he had displayed and the very efficient way in which he had carried out his assignment were certainly worthy of praise.

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Class Counselor [] described Tama as dressing in a neat, conservative manner; presenting a good personal appearance. Tama is conscientious and sincere and spends considerable time in study. He also described Tama as being somewhat quiet yet friendly, converses easily and gets along well with other members of the class. His handwriting is poor and difficult to read.

I interviewed Tama and it was observed he presented a neat and very substantial appearance. He was self-confident, alert, and very enthusiastic about becoming a Special Agent. He gave the impression of being very dependable. The only criticism which can be directed to Tama is his inability to successfully pass the examinations on Rules and Regulations and Federal Criminal Procedure and Evidence.

Since Tama is serving his one year probationary period, no formal notification as required by the Veterans' Preference Act is necessary prior to requesting his resignation.

It is pointed out that at the time Tama was being considered for the position of Special Agent he was interviewed by SAC L. L. Laughlin of the Washington Field Office; Supervisor [] of the Administrative Division; and Inspector H. C. VanPelt of the Training and Inspection Division. All 3 in recommending him indicated that Tama should develop into an above-average Agent.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Tama's resignation be requested in view of the fact he failed the final examinations on Rules and Regulations and Federal Criminal Procedure and Evidence.

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(Recommendations continued)

2. That Tama be returned to his former position of Special Employee in the Washington Field Office. (GS-10)

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3. No action is being recommended concerning SAC L. L. Laughlin, Supervisor [redacted] and Inspector H. C. VanPelt who interviewed Tama prior to his entering the New Agents' Class since Tama's inability to pass examinations could not be determined during interview. This Agent had all other qualifications an interviewer would look for.

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Letter to Tama
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PERMANENT BRIEF OF SA TAMA'S FILE ATTACHED

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October 10, 1955

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

It is extremely gratifying to receive such expressions of support as indicated in your letter of October 8, 1955. I am indeed appreciative of your generous statements concerning my address before the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

We are well aware of the attacks which certain segments of the press are eager to make upon us, and it is encouraging that their true motives are recognized by you.

Thanks very much for writing.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Leo L. Laughlin, SAC, WFO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

October 6, 1955

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director:

The editorials which appeared in the Washington Post and Times Herald for yesterday and today commenting on remarks made by you concerning the use of confidential informants in your talk before the I.A.C.P. on October 3, 1955, are another example of the unfairness and bias of that newspaper as far as you and the Bureau are concerned. When it is realized, as you noted in your address, that confidential informants are used not only by law enforcement but also by the press--which use has been upheld by the courts--it is obvious that the object of the editorials is not one of principle but to smear you personally and as Director of the FBI.

Several people in discussing this topic have remarked to me that they certainly agreed with your statement concerning the use and need for confidential informants. They added that the editorials are about what we can expect from that particular paper.

I enjoyed very much reading your address, and I am sure that those who had the privilege of hearing it delivered in person also enjoyed it tremendously and benefited greatly by it.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Laughlin

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 29, 1955

FROM : G. C. C. [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS:

Interview with [redacted] secretary to [redacted] conducted by SA [redacted] Washington Field Office (EOD as Special Agent 8-16-48; 32 years of age). [redacted] denies making statement that McGranery has many friends but not any close ones and attributes statement of that nature to [redacted] states he interviewed [redacted] because he was unable to develop from other interviews facts concerning [redacted] current self-employment as an attorney. [redacted] did not discuss problem with Supervisor, Washington Field. [redacted] specifically cautioned by Washington Field when case assigned concerning sensitive nature of this investigation and necessity to handle it carefully. Interviews conducted with [redacted] and [redacted] in view of information furnished by [redacted] who maintains personnel records of highly placed personnel in the Department of Justice, to the effect that [redacted] and [redacted] were close associates of [redacted] during period [redacted] employed in the Department of Justice, 1943-46 and 1952-53. Both [redacted] and [redacted] furnished favorable recommendations. Information furnished set forth in details. Instructions have been issued to appropriate field offices to immediately interview persons suggested by [redacted] as close personal friends of his.

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b7CRECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Washington Field Office recommends a letter of censure for SA [redacted] in view of poor judgment used by him in contacting McGranery's secretary in this investigation. The Investigative Division concurs with Washington Field that he should receive a letter of censure because of the poor judgment exercised by him.

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2. Washington Field was instructed today to remove SA [redacted] from this investigation immediately.

cc: 1 - Administrative Division

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He should not be
used in future
investigations.

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3 Washington Field Office states the interviews with [] appear to have been logical interviews in view of [] statement to the effect that Perlman and Collins were close associates of [] during the time he was at the Department of Justice. These interviews appear to have been justified based on the statement made by [] that they were close associates, plus the fact that both [] are practicing attorneys in the District of Columbia who would possibly be aware of information concerning [] as an attorney, who is also practicing law in the District of Columbia. It is noted the interviews with [] resulted in favorable information being furnished. Investigative Division concurs in the above. b6 b7C

The SAC and Supervisor who assigned this case to [] should be strongly censured. This case should have been assigned to only the most mature and experienced agents. []

DETAILS:

has been in WFO only since May 1955 b6 b7C
Based on White House request, special inquiry ordered 9-22-55 in view of [] being considered for appointment to the Government Security Commission. The Director inquired (1) the identity of the Agent who interviewed [] secretary who allegedly said [] has many friends but not any close ones." The Director also desired to know exactly what comments the Agent made to [] secretary. (2) The Director desired to know the reason [] were interviewed in this investigation and what information was furnished during the interviews. An explanation has been obtained from Special Agent (SA) [] of the Washington Field Office who is conducting this special inquiry investigation. [] who is 32 years of age, entered on duty as a Clerk 7-14-41 and has been a Special Agent since 8-16-48, and is now in GS-12.

Supervisor [] of the Washington Field Office advised he pointed out to Sauer at the time the case was assigned the sensitive nature of this investigation with emphasis on the fact that the investigation should be handled carefully.

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SA [] states that his interviews in this inquiry did not develop facts concerning [] current self-employment as an attorney and he, therefore, went to [] secretary, []. He inquired of [] (1) how long she had known [] (2) when he had opened his law office, (3) the type of practice he was engaged in. She was also asked her opinion regarding [] character, associates, loyalty and qualifications. She advised in this connection [] character was of the highest, his associates reputable and loyal persons, and that there could be no question as to his personal loyalty to this country. [] states [] advised [] was not associated with anyone in his law practice and although he has "zillions of friends, she knows of none that were very close or could be considered 'old cronies'". [] denies that he made such a statement to [] and that this statement attributed to him was, in fact, made by []. b6 b7C

In this case [] has used poor judgment in going to [] and making inquiry of her concerning []. If any difficulties were encountered in not being able to develop information, he should have discussed this matter with his supervisor for advice as to what procedure should be followed. Washington Field points out that [] failed to discuss his problem in this case with anyone in authority before conducting the interview with []. There is a specific rule prohibiting interviews with an applicant without Bureau approval. In this case, where information was available that [] was practicing law without any associates, SA [] could have anticipated that he might have run into [] personally or that his secretary might have insisted on referring him to []. b6 b7C

With regard to the interviews of [] and [], SA [] advised he had made inquiries of [] Room 4211, Justice Building, who maintains personnel records of highly placed personnel in the Department. In addition to the personnel record, [] furnished information to the effect that [] and [] were close associates of [] during the time he was in the Department of Justice, 1943-1946 and 1952-1953. b6 b7C

[] upon interview advised that he was acquainted with [] while [] was in the Department as Deputy Attorney General and later as Attorney General. [] stated [] had no associates in his present law practice in Washington, D. C. He also commented he had no knowledge of his qualifications, but that his previous legal positions spoke for themselves. He

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stated [] has a good reputation as an attorney and administrator. He possesses good character traits, associates are loyal and reputable people and he enjoys an over-all good reputation. [] stated [] is an excellent attorney and has been a great asset to him. He described [] family as very nice and stated they enjoy a very happy family life. He recommended [] very highly.

[] attorney and former First Assistant to [] while serving as Deputy Attorney General, advised he left the Department for the private practice of law before [] took office as Attorney General. He stated that although he has seen [] on occasion since, he does not have a close association with him. He added that [] is a person of good character and reputation and is loyal to the United States. He advised further he is a very religious person and has a fine family life and associates with a reputable class of people. It was [] impression that [] was a very smart politician and is somewhat of an extravert and has a way of getting along with people. b6 b7C

He commented that although he has not had any dealings with [] since he was Deputy Attorney General, he felt that [] must be qualified as an administrator because of the high positions to which he has been appointed. He stated that he understood that [] was currently practicing law in Washington and maintained offices in the Barr Building. b6 b7C

Instructions have been issued to the proper field offices to conduct the following interviews today if possible and to submit results by teletype today:

[] Congressman Frank Chelf
(D - Kentucky); and Kenneth D. Keating (R - New York); []

PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN BRING/APPLICANT INVESTIGATIONS UP TO DATE

In those instances where a previous applicant-type investigation has been conducted, the field offices are specifically instructed to re-interview those individuals who previously furnished derogatory information of any kind to determine whether they would at this time recommend the applicant for a Government position; also, whether there has been anything intervening which would cause them to change their previous statements; and also, for the purpose of developing any additional information that they might have acquired. The

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instructions in handling applicant cases require a complete account of the individual's adult life with regard to his character, reputation, loyalty and associates. In bringing investigations up to date the field, therefore, has the obligation to account for his activities since the previous investigation. This would include up-to-date neighborhood check, criminal and credit record checks, present associates, business contacts, in addition to those who furnished derogatory information on previous contact, and the covering of any logical leads arising therefrom.

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October 11, 1955

Reverend [redacted]
Holy Comforter Rectory
1357 East Capitol Street
Washington 3, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

It was indeed kind of you to forward your letter of October 6, 1955, concerning the recent address by Special Agent in Charge Leo L. Laughlin of our Washington Field Office before your Holy Name Society Smoker.

Such generous remarks are very much appreciated by me, and I assure you that Mr. Laughlin enjoyed being with you on this occasion.

Thank you very much for writing.

Sincerely yours,

cc - Washington Field Office, with copy of incoming.

✓ cc - Personnel file of SAC Leo L. Laughlin, with copy of incoming

NOTE: Leo L. Laughlin, ^{SAC,} WFO, Mr. Laughlin spoke before a Smoker of the Holy Name Society of Holy Comforter Catholic Church on October 3, 1955.

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**HOLY COMFORTER RECTORY
1207 EAST CAPITOL STREET
WASHINGTON 3, D. C.**

October 6, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Last Monday night, at our Holy Name Society "Smoker",
(the first of our season's activities), we had invited
Mr. L. I. Laughlin, of your Washington Office, to be our
guest speaker.

He is a very effective speaker, and a creditable
representative of your distinguished department. All the
men were impressed with his clear and graphic presentation
of the history of the department, its development and some
of the activities your courageous men are engaged in.

Speaking for the members of our Holy Name Society, I
wish to thank you for permitting Mr. Laughlin to address
us. The men feel that closer to your organization. The
fact that Mr. Laughlin could have excused himself because
of a cold, but didn't, elicited the respect for your men
who are devoted to their work - for our society.

With every best wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 7, 1955

From Leo L. Laughlin, SAC, WFO.

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Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Boardman ☒
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Belmont ☒
Mr. Harbo ☐
Mr. Mohr ☐
Mr. Parsons ☐
Mr. Rosen ☐
Mr. Tamm ☒
Mr. Jones ☒
Mr. Sizoo ☒
Mr. Winterrowd ☐
Tele. Room ☐
Mr. Holloman ☒
Miss Holmes ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

(4) HEH

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *per*

DATE: 10-24-55

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: LEO L. LAUGHLIN
 Special Agent in Charge
 Washington Field Office
 SERVICE AWARD LETTER
 20th Anniversary - December 2, 1955

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For the Director's information, Mr. Leo L. Laughlin, Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office, completes 20 years of service with the Bureau on 12-2-55.

For his further information, Mr. Laughlin celebrated his 10th Anniversary on 12-2-45. He was commended 12-3-47, for voluntarily working Thanksgiving Day. Censured 2-24-50, regarding delay in transmitting correspondence. Censured 4-21-50, for mishandling Loyalty case. Censured 11-13-50, regarding inadequate informant coverage. Censured 11-16-50, for unsatisfactory administration of section. Censured 12-2-50, for mishandling request from Senator. Censured 2-1-52, regarding errors in a document. Censured 1-16-53, regarding letter to Washington Field Office. Censured and placed on probation 5-13-53, for mishandling of congressional testimony. Removed from probation 7-16-53. Commended 12-4-53, regarding Bribery case. Censured 2-1-54, for mishandling of mail cover. Censured 3-4-54, regarding stenographic delinquency. Commended 3-5-54, for generosity of Washington Field Office agents. Censured 6-7-54, for sloppy handling of information from Metropolitan Police Department. Commended 8-6-54, regarding special inquiries. Censured 10-26-54, regarding security of delicate files. Commended 2-25-55, regarding Civil Rights case. Censured 3-14-55, for mishandling of informant. Censured 5-25-55, concerning assignments of agents. Commended 6-29-55, concerning results of internal security investigation. Censured 7-1-55, concerning work assignments of agents. Commended 7-1-55, concerning successful conclusion of FAG case. Commended 8-1-55, for investigation of unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. Commended 9-16-55, for office response to Consolidated Charity Drive. Censured 9-30-55, in view of poor judgment of agent during Special Inquiry investigation. He is presently in Grade GS 16, \$13,330 and his last performance rating was Satisfactory.

The Director may desire to present Mr. Laughlin's letter and key personally. A suggested letter is attached.

Enclosure

WSH:nlp

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cc - Mr. Holloman (Direct)

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 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11-28-55

FROM : H. L. Edwards *HLE*

SUBJECT: LEO L. LAUGHLIN
 Special Agent in Charge
 Washington Field Office
 EOD 12-2-35
 GS-16, \$13,330
 Non-Veteran, Not on Probation

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On 12-2-55 SAC Laughlin will have completed twenty years of service with the Bureau. The following is a brief and concise summary of SAC Laughlin's record for the Director's use in the event the Director should see him.

During 1955 SAC Laughlin has been censured on 4 different occasions; the most recent being on 9-30-55 in view of the poor judgment manifested by an Agent of the Washington Field Office in conducting a phase of the Special Inquiry investigation regarding [redacted]

[redacted] This Agent in attempting to develop information pertaining to the current self-employment of [redacted] as an attorney interviewed the secretary of [redacted] notwithstanding Bureau regulations that the applicant in investigations of this nature should not be contacted without Bureau approval.

During 1955 SAC Laughlin has been commended on 6 different occasions; the most recent being on 9-16-55 when he and ASAC Fletcher were commended for their obviously splendid leadership in the 1955-56 FBI Employees Consolidated Charity Drive of that Office. SAC Laughlin was instructed to express the Director's hearty congratulations to his divisional representative on the Working Committee of the fund as well as every keyman whose enthusiastic efforts enabled his office to exceed its quota the opening day of the drive. Two letters of appreciation were directed to him during 1955.

By letter dated 5-27-55 the Director congratulated him upon the birth of a son, born 5-23-55.

By letter dated 10-19-55 he was requested to advise the employees of that Office who had assisted the Wingard family during SA Robert H. Wingard's serious illness of the Director's sincere gratitude. SA Wingard died on 11-23-55.

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His daily average overtime for the months listed was as follows:

February, 1955 - 3 hours 38 minutes
 March, 1955 - 3 hours 10 minutes
 April, 1955 - 3 hours 14 minutes
 May, 1955 - 3 hours 30 minutes

June, 1955 - 3 hours
 July, 1955 - 2 hours 45 minutes
 August, 1955 - 2 hours 50 minutes
 September, 1955 - 3 hours 25 minutes
 October, 1955 - 2 hours 51 minutes

SAC Laughlin has no office of preference.

Laughlin

A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS PERSONNEL FILE IS ATTACHED.

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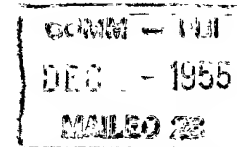
SAC, Washington Field Office

December 6, 1955

Director, FBI

TWO-DAY CONFERENCES

You are scheduled for Two-Day Conferences at SAC, Room 5517, at 9 a.m. on 4-16-56. Confirm attendance by 12-16-55.



CC - Mr. Mason

Based on Memo from Mr. J. P. Mohr to Mr. Tolson dated 11-29-55 ERC:ake

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December 2, 1955

PERSONAL

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

December 2, 1955, is your Twentieth Anniversary of FBI service and to assist you in celebrating this important achievement, I am pleased to present the Bureau's Twenty-Year Service Award Key along with the good wishes of your friends and acquaintances throughout our organization.

As one of our Special Agents in Charge, you are in a position to intimately know not only the problems with which we are faced but also our accomplishments. Both as an SAC and in your previous positions you have applied your knowledge and experience and through hard work and many personal sacrifices have lightened the burden of our responsibilities and increased the effectiveness of our operations. We at the Bureau must of necessity depend heavily upon the good judgment and quick thinking of our Special Agents in Charge and without the aid of such able administrators as you many of our past achievements would have been impossible.

It is difficult to adequately express how grateful your loyalty and enthusiasm have been, but, I do hope the enclosed Key will serve to remind you of our confidence in your abilities.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Based on Memo J. P. Mohr to Mr. Tolson dated 10-24-55,
RE: LEO L. LAUGHLIN - WSH:nlp

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Enclosure

cc - Mr. Holloman (direct)

WSH:jmw

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SENT FROM D. O.

TIME 10:05 AM

DATE 12-2-55

BY [Signature]

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17. RATING OR SPECIALTY	TIME IN THIS CAPACITY: TOTAL	LAST SIX MONTHS

(Continue in item 73)

Calculus
Periodontal disease
Gingival erosion, NCD
Type III
Class I

47. SEROLOGY (Specify test used and result)

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73. NOTES (Continued) AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY

Fell hurting shoulder more than 1 wk. ago, shoulder still sore, painful over shoulder.

(Use additional sheets of plain paper if necessary)

74. SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES (List diagnoses with item numbers)

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75. RECOMMENDATIONS—FURTHER SPECIALIST EXAMINATIONS INDICATED (Specify) X ray rt. shoulder						76. PHYSICAL PROFILE					
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78. IF NOT QUALIFIED, LIST DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS BY ITEM NUMBER											
79. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN						SIGNATURE /s/ G. R. Johnston					
80. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN						SIGNATURE — —					
81. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF DENTIST OR PHYSICIAN (Indicate which)						SIGNATURE /s/ A. T. Smith					
82. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER OR APPROVING AUTHORITY						SIGNATURE — —					
						NUMBER OF ATTACHED SHEETS					

ATTACHMENT TO STANDARD FORM 88
(Revised July 21, 1952)

Report of Medical Examination

FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER:

The following portions of the attached examination report form **need** not be completed:

2	67
3	68
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14	71 (unless other
17	examination indi-
62	cates desirable)
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Item 48, the electrocardiogram, is not required unless the examinee is over 35 years of age or unless other examination indicates such is desirable.

If the examinee is an applicant, the Chest X ray and blood type and Rh factor (Items 46 and 49) are not necessary unless the facilities for affording same are readily available to the examiner.

FOR ALL EXAMINEES, WHETHER CLERICAL OR SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANTS OR EMPLOYEES:

The medical examiner should answer the following question:

Examinee 15 qualified for strenuous physical
(is or is not)
exertion. (Designate which)

FOR ALL MALE EMPLOYEES OR APPLICANTS:

The medical examiner is requested to answer the following:

Does examinee have any defects restricting or prohibiting his participation in defensive tactics and dangerous assignments which might entail the practical use of firearms?

No
If answer is "yes" please specify.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN ITEMS 59, 61, 64 AND 70 PERTAINING TO VISUAL ACUITY, COLOR VISION AND HEARING BE COMPLETED IN DETAIL.

ER Johnston
(Signature of Medical Examiner)

NOV 14 1955

(Date) --

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CLINICAL RECORD

CONSULTATION SHEET

TO:

Orthopedic Department

FROM:

Staff Clinic - Room 11

DATE OF REQUEST:

3 Oct 1955

REASON FOR REQUEST:

Pain in right shoulder - history of falling 1 week ago - catching self on hand. X ray reported (wet reading) "calcific bursitis"

Please examine and advise.

PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS:

DU Bursitis

DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE:

G. R. Johnston

CONSULTATION REPORT

8-Nov-1955

Recent episode painful shoulder which is subsiding spontaneously without treatment. Examination negative except calcification on X ray. Return if necessary and would advise local procaine and hydrocortone.

T. M. FOLEY

CAPT MC USN

PATIENT'S NAME:

LAUGHLIN, Leo L.

FBI

100-5132-321

PATIENT'S LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME

LAUGHLIN, LEO

REGISTER NO.

FBI

WARD NO.

Staff Clinic

AGE

SEX

(Check one)

☐ BEDSIDE, WHEELCHAIR,
OR STRETCHER

☐ BED
PATIENT

☐ AMBULATORY

EXAMINATION REQUESTED

REQUESTED BY

Dr. Johnston

DATE OF REQUEST

(Above space for mechanical imprinting, if used)

PERTINENT CLINICAL HISTORY, OPERATIONS, PHYSICAL FINDINGS, AND PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS

FILM NO.

RADIOGRAPHIC REPORT

1185-55

10-3-55

Right shoulder: There is smorphous calcium deposition about the rotator cuff of the right shoulder. Most of the calcium overlies the bicipital notch and the bicipital groove. The picture is compatible with calcarious tendonitis. CRH/E

C. R. HENKELMANN LT MC USN

SIGNATURE: (Specify location of laboratory if not part of requesting facility)

GPO c0-10-50908-5†

Standard Form 519A (Rev. Aug. 1954)
Promulgated by Bureau of the Budget
Circular A-32 (Rev.)

(NAME OF HOSPITAL OR OTHER MEDICAL FACILITY)

RADIOGRAPHIC REPORT

67-58126-321

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/7/55

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: TWO-DAY CONFERENCES

L.L. LAUSHLIN

Rebulet 12/6/55 advising that I am scheduled to attend
Two-Day conferences on 4/16/56 at SOG.

I will report as instructed.

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12-13-55

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THREE

Mr. Tolson

12/6/55

E. D. Mason

INSPECTION - WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
INSPECTOR W. H. BUYS
10/20-11/21/55

SUMMARY

OFFICIALS: /Leo L. Laughlin/ SAC at WFO since 9/14/53.
Howard B. Fletcher, ASAC there since 3/3/50.
Both nonveterans and not on probation.

LAST INSPECTION: 2/12-3/26/54.

EVALUATIONS:

(1) PHYSICAL CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE...FAIR

Two broken glass windbreakers on window sills (replaced during inspection). One hundred duplicate blue slips found in agent's desk reflecting confidential expenditures to informants 11/3/52 to 1/28/55. This is serious; duplicates not authorized for field retention; administrative action recommended separately. Minor adjustments made during inspection on 8 cars. In 3 of 10 automobile administrative files reviewed, total of 8 monthly inspection forms missing. Unauthorized records system of automobile repair costs maintained rather than prescribed Bureau form. SAC instructed to obtain Bureau authorization for system; Bureau authorization has now been requested. Doing fine job in keeping up space in old building.

(2) INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS.....FAIR

Cases pending 11/1/55, 3,015, of which 2,688 active and 327 inactive. Percentage active cases delinquent 8.7% (lower than 13.01%, field wide average). Delinquencies higher than office average in following classifications: Espionage - 64 active cases with 18 delinquent or 28.1%, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicles - 78 active cases with 21 delinquent or 26.9%, Internal Security - 422 active cases with 90 delinquent or 21.5%, 398 cases over 1 year old, of which 176 active, 222 inactive and 32 or 18.18% delinquent. Some of the Espionage and Internal Security cases delinquency attributed to unavailability of passport records during move of that office.

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Memo to Mr. Tolson

Thirty-eight automobile accidents since 3/26/34; 4 agents held responsible. Sixteen accident matters checked and in 4 it took 10 or more days to notify Bureau; notification and results of inquiry generally included in same document to Bureau. Washington Field did not always follow practice of submitting investigative reports; used memoranda when no court action contemplated.

Of 733 pending files reviewed, 15 substantive errors found in 13 files or 1.65% (high). Consisted of delay in instituting 10 auto theft investigations; incomplete reporting - 1; preamble to signed statement incomplete - 1; delay in reporting - 1; verbiage - 1; extraneous notes on signed statements - 1.

One substantive error (failure to follow-up on information furnished by informant) found in 204 closed files reviewed or 43/100 of 1% (average). In 31 of 52 Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle cases where car recovered in District of Columbia, cars not examined by agent for possible evidence and other 1 case car examined 22 days after receipt of recovery information. SAC and ASAC explained office has not afforded preferred investigative attention to abandoned car cases to extent that cars be searched and otherwise processed before returned to owners, since Bureau instructions in past have not been interpreted to require such preferred investigative attention. In same 32 cases, delays noted in receipt of recovery information from Metropolitan Police Department Auto Squad consisting of 1 day delay in 5 cases, 2 days in 4 cases, 3 days in 1 case, 4 days in 1 case, 5 days in 3 cases, 6 days in 2 cases, 7 days in 1 case, and 10 days in 1 case. SAC and ASAC explained occasionally delays occurred within police department itself and also instances arise where not possible for office to make the daily liaison contacts with auto squad because of urgency of preferred investigations. SAC was instructed to improve liaison with Metropolitan Police Department. SAC's objective has been to have an agent daily contact auto squad of police; sometimes precincts do not promptly notify police auto squad of cases.

Missed deadlines found in (a) 4 of 10 closed Civil Rights cases or 52.22% (high), (b) 4 of 10 closed applicant-type cases or 31% (high), (c) 3 of 4 closed bank robbery cases or 75% (high), (d) 10 of 64 fugitive-type cases or 15.63% (high), and (e) 4 of 17 agency checks in Security of Government Employees and Loyalty of Employees of United Nations cases (14 closed and 3 pending) or 23.53% (high).

Memo to Mr. Tolson

Criminal informants increased from [redacted] since last inspection while potential criminal informants decreased from [redacted]. SAC instructed to give attention to improvement of quality and quantity of informants, emphasizing quality and advise Bureau by 1/16/56 of progress made.

Estimated number of Communist Party members in WFO territory 158 (160 at last inspection). One hundred twenty-three Security Index subjects (245 at last inspection), none missing. Full quota 297 Special Agents assigned intensification programs. Office has been seeking [redacted]

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[redacted] Bureau fully advised; priority attention given. SAC instructed to give attention to locating such

[redacted] Security informants decreased from [redacted] since last inspection while potential security informants decreased from [redacted]. No confidential informant within Communist Party who attends meetings (no formal meetings but gatherings of 3 or 4 people from time to time) or is able to report on Communist Party organizational activities since one informant died in [redacted]. SAC instructed to take aggressive steps to improve quality and quantity of security informants with emphasis on quality and to advise Bureau of progress by 1/20/56.

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS.....~~TAIR~~ GOOD M

In 739 pending files reviewed, 41 agent form errors or 5.54% and 14 clerical form errors or 1.89% (low) noted. In 204 closed files reviewed, 4 agent form errors or 1.96% (low) and 8 clerical form errors or 3.92% (average) found. Agent production averaged 11.65 cases closed per agent per month for quarter ending 9/30/55 which compares favorably with other offices of similar size and comparable problems. Time in office between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for quarter ending 9/30/55 averaged 24.65% adjusted to 21.82% when deducting time for conferences and satellite schools (higher than 15% maximum set by Bureau).

Three missing files; one now found; Bureau was fully advised. SAC instructed to intensify efforts to locate. Bulky exhibit files contained material which should have been turned over to U. S. Marshal and now done. Stenographic production averaged 2.41 pages per hour which is lower than last field wide average of 3.36 pages per hour. Adjusted or retyped material averaged 19.35% (high). SAC explained nearly 2/3 of present stenographers have less than 1 year's experience. SAC was instructed to take prompt remedial measures.

Memo to Mr. Tolson

Number One register for September, 1955, disclosed two failures to certify sick leave out of 14,259 entries or .014%. Number Two register for quarter ending 9/30/55 reflected 16 incomplete entries in 147 entries or 10.88% (high). Fourteen errors found in 300 Number Three cards reviewed or 4.67% (high). Confidential Fund records not maintained according to Bureau instructions in that (a) authorization forms not fully completed prior to filing, (b) ledger fails to reflect payments to informants prior to 7/1/54 (corrected during inspection), (c) instances noted where authority given by SAC not shown, (d) ledger sheets not prepared for miscellaneous payments from fund, and (e) informant section of ledger not subdivided as required. SAC instructed to correct and advise Bureau by 12/31/55.

For fiscal year 1955 compared to 1954, convictions decreased 43.21% (field average increased 1%); automobiles recovered decreased 11.17% (field average decline 1.6%). Fugitive apprehensions decreased 50% (field average decline 27.9%); fines, savings and recoveries increased 62.98% (field average decline 1.1%). For first 4 months fiscal year 1956 compared to similar period 1955, convictions increased 71.43% (field average decline 3.3%); automobiles recovered increased 11.11% (field average decline 11.1%); fugitive apprehensions had no change (field average decline 27.4%). Fines, savings and recoveries increased 53.85% (field average increased 72.6%).

(4) PERSONNEL MATTERS.....VERY GOOD

Four stenographers (EOD as stenographers 7/19/54, 6/27/55, 8/22/55 and 8/29/55) and 3 typists (EOD 6/27/55, 8/22/55 and 9/12/55) failed typing test. Two other stenographers (EOD 6/27/55 and 9/25/55) failed 80 words per minute stenographic examination. SAC instructed to insure all employees afforded proper training to prevent failures. Rotation of agents satisfactory. Fifty-seven agents or 12.1% have not testified before U. S. District Court, U. S. Grand Jury or U. S. Commissioner (4 with less than 1 year's experience in the field, 27 with 1 to 5 years' field experience, and 26 with more than 5 years' field experience. SAC instructed to so assign agents to provide opportunity to testify, bearing in mind only 10% of agents handle criminal work. Of 69 accountants assigned, 8 on special assignments and 58 other engaged in nonaccounting work due to small amount accounting cases pending. Eleven accountants have had no Bureau accounting experience while 25 had but limited Bureau accounting experience.

Memo to Mr. Tolson

Clerk-Agent ratio 29.27% (509 investigative employees compared to 149 clerical employees). Special Agent, Special Employee and clerical complement adequate but not excessive. Voluntary overtime averaged 1 hour, 52 minutes daily for quarter ending 9/30/55. During inspection test availability check made by SAC based on emergency squad system outlined in war plans and check completed in 2 hours, 25 minutes.

(5) CONTACTS.....EXCELLENT

SAC personally acquainted with all 43 SAC Contacts (SAC Laughlin developed 19 of these). ASAC acquainted with 15. SAC has met appropriate Federal, civic and business leaders. There were 48 speeches made since last inspection, 3/1/54 (27 by SAC, 18 by ASAC and 3 by other office personnel).

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) SAC Leo L. Laughlin...censure and probation... Continually shows interest and enthusiasm. Needs to tighten supervision to bring physical maintenance, investigative operations and administrative operations phases of his office to acceptable Bureau standard. If approved, enclosed letter will serve to summarize delinquencies found, censure SAC and put him on probation because of weaknesses in operations of the office and instruct that Bureau be notified promptly of corrective action taken.

(Mr. Mohr agrees)

(2) ASAC Howard B. Fletcher...censure and probation... Works closely with SAC and is thoroughly experienced and qualified. Most files containing substantive errors were under supervision of ASAC Fletcher. ASAC has joint responsibility with SAC for administration of office. If approved, enclosed letter will serve.

(Mr. Mohr agrees)

Memo to Mr. Tolson

(3) Recheck inspection in 60 days.

(Mr. Mohr agrees)

(4) All other supervisory personnel...no recommendation.

(Mr. Mohr agrees)

(5) Administrative action for deserving employees recommended separately.

(Mr. Mohr agrees)

PERMANENT PERSONNEL BRIEFS OF SAC LAUGHLIN AND ASAC FLETCHER ATTACHED

Enclosures

cc - Mr. Mohr (Attention H. L. Edwards) (Sent separately)

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MR. TOLSON

12/6/55

MR. E. D. MASON

AMOS M. TEASLEY
SPECIAL AGENT, GS-12, \$8,000
EOD 2/16/48
VETERAN, NOT ON PROBATION

The Director has asked as to why the SAC, Washington Field Office did not know that SA Amos H. Teasley was keeping 100 copies of confidential blue slips in his desk contrary to Bureau regulations. My memorandum of 12/2/55, advised that Inspector W. H. Buys found these blue slips dated 11/3/52, to 1/28/55, in SA Teasley's desk during the recent inspection of Washington Field Office. Appropriate recommendations were made for administrative action against SA Teasley.

SAC Laughlin, Washington Field Office, advises that he makes periodic checks of all desks in the Washington Field Office as required by Bureau regulations. He is certain he has personally checked SA Teasley's desk several times but the first he knew about the blue slips was when they were found by the Inspector. Mr. Laughlin states he maintains a tickler on the checking of field office desks to assure that all are checked regularly as required. It is noted that SA Teasley stated he sometimes kept the blue slips in a locked brief case and on other occasions kept them in his desk. SAC Laughlin is certain they were not in the desk on any of the several occasions when he personally checked SA Teasley's desk.

RECOMMENDATION: None...informative. This weakness in field office operations on the part of SAC Laughlin was taken into consideration in the over-all inspection write-up; therefore, no further action is required on the matter at this time.

cc-Mr. J. P. Mohr (Att: H. L. Edwards)

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Name: LEO J. LAUGHLIN

Title: SAC

EOD: 12-2-35

Grade: GS-16 at \$13,330

Non-Veteran

Not on Probation

INSPECTOR BUYS: SAC LAUGHLIN continually shows interest and enthusiasm. He needs to tighten supervision to bring physical maintenance, investigative operations and administrative operations phases of his office to acceptable Bureau standard. He is an excellent contact man, is amiable, and has the faculty of meeting people easily.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation has been separately made in summary inspection memorandum.

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

The splendid generosity of employees in your office in helping to bring some joy to Special Agent Dan O. Stephens and his family during the Christmas season is worthy of the highest commendation.

I want everyone who participated to know of my sincere appreciation for such a genuine manifestation of the spirit of Christmas. I am certain all of you will enjoy the holidays more knowing how much your gift has brightened the season for the Stephens family.

Sincerely yours,

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December 7, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

In connection with the recent inspection of your office, the following weaknesses were noted which must receive your close personal attention.

The Bureau is gravely concerned over the lack of security in your office as evidenced by an agent keeping in his desk numerous copies of confidential blue slips which dated from 1952 to 1955. This is an inexcusable and gross security breach. You must tighten supervision over such matters.

Increased attention should be devoted to reducing delinquencies in the pertinent classifications set out in the inspection report. Substantive errors and form errors were too high. The Bureau is disturbed over failure of agents of your office to search and otherwise process abandoned cars in Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle cases prior to the return of the cars to the owners. There were unreasonable delays in receipt by your office of automobile recovery information from the Metropolitan Police Department Auto Theft Squad. You should thoroughly stress to the agents the necessity for prompt and thorough investigation.

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In cases reviewed, your office missed deadlines in 1955 of eighteen closed Civil Rights cases (two by two days, one by five days; one by ten days), four of nineteen closed applicant-type cases (average number of days 1.75 but delay letter sent in each instance), three of four closed Bank Robbery cases (eleven, thirty-five, sixty-two days), ten of sixty-four fugitive-type cases (one day, twenty, and of seventeen Security of Government Employees and Loyalty of Employees of United Nations cases (record checks). Effective action should be taken to insure that all deadlines are met.

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin

The Bureau has noted that criminal informants of your office increased over per cent since the previous inspection but that potential criminal informants decreased over per cent. You should give careful attention to developing worth-while potential informants. Security informants decreased over per cent and potential security informants decreased over per cent since the last inspection. You should take aggressive steps to implement the informant programs, both criminal and security, and you should advise the Bureau of progress made in criminal informant program by January 16, 1956, and the security informant program by January 20, 1956.

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You should constantly endeavor to maintain agents' production at the highest possible level. This can best be accomplished by streamlining, tighter supervision and keeping agents' time in office to that absolutely necessary. The stenographic production of your office was far too low and the percentage of material adjusted or retyped by stenographers and typists was much too high. You must provide additional training of personnel to substantially increase stenographic production and keep adjustment and retyping to an absolute minimum.

There were decreases reported by your office in convictions, automobile recoveries and fugitive apprehensions for the 1955 fiscal year as compared to the 1954 fiscal year whereas an increase was reported in fines, savings and recoveries. There was no change in fugitive apprehensions but increases in the other three categories for the first four months of the 1956 fiscal year as compared to similar period in the 1955 fiscal year. As you know, it is essential that worth-while cases be developed by your office so that accomplishments reflect increases in all categories. You must emphasize this very important matter and take aggressive measures to effect such increases.

The Bureau has noted that four stenographers and three typists failed the typing test and two stenographers failed the stenographic examination. It is realized that most of these employees had little Bureau experience. However, all employees must be afforded proper training to prevent failures. Although only about 10 per cent of the Special Agents assigned to Washington Field handle criminal work, you should assign agents to provide opportunities to testify as soon as practicable if they have not had such experience.

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin

It is gratifying to note the effective attention you have devoted to your contact program.

The Bureau wishes to express its extreme displeasure over the many serious weaknesses in operations of your office disclosed by the inspection and you are being placed on probation at this time. The Bureau expects definite improvement in the near future. You and the Assistant Special Agent in Charge should carefully review the report of the inspection and take prompt and effective action to bring all operations to the highest possible level of efficiency. You should advise the Bureau as soon as the delinquencies have been corrected.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Mr. Mohr (Attention H. L. Edwards) (Enclosures - 2)

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Based on memo Mason to Tolson dated 12/6/55
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December 21, 1955

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I want you to know that I am well pleased with the handling in your office on December 9, 1955, of a complaint containing unsubstantiated allegations concerning the manner in which Bureau agents conduct interviews.

It is felt that the complainant was dealt with in a most competent fashion by Special Agent Robert H. Haynes of your office and that the Bureau's authority to conduct interviews in connection with its investigations was explained thoroughly.

Sincerely yours

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I have reviewed the findings of an inquiry made into the handling in the Washington Field Office of the investigation pertaining to [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] and I find that there were a number of very serious derelictions in connection with this matter. Several inexcusable delays in handling occurred, the initial investigation was incomplete and there were failures on the part of your subordinates to advise you of pertinent developments so that you in turn could inform the Bureau of them. These failures were most serious and reflect adversely upon your administration of your office.

I am greatly concerned over the serious lapses, on the part of your division in this case and I shall expect you to take prompt and vigorous measures to prevent similar fiascos in the future.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc-SOG Washington Field Office Personnel File

Based on memo from E. D. Mason to Mr. Tolson dated 3/5/56,
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SAC, Washington Field

March 9, 1956

Director, FBI

TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

Your two-day conference at the Seat of Government on April 16 and 17, 1956, is hereby cancelled. You should report for a two-day conference on April 2 and 3, 1956.

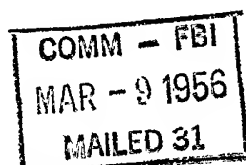
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These dates have been checked with the Training & Inspection Division and the Crime Records Section and there are no conflicts.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 2-2-56

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: SACs and Seat of Government Officials on Probation

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L. L. Laughlin, 12-7-55

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In view of the many weaknesses in operations of his office disclosed by the inspection.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (INCLUDING SECTION CHIEFS) ON PROBATION

None

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TO : The Director

DATE: 1-6-56

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: SACs and Seat of Government Officials on Probation

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE OF LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REASON</u>
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L. L. Laughlin WFO

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In view of the many weaknesses in operations of his office disclosed by the inspection.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Bldg.
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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March 9, 1956

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Handwritten: J. L. Laughlin

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am very sorry that you found it necessary to call my attention to serious derelictions in connection with the investigation conducted by this office of _____

_____ I am even more regretful for the embarrassment caused to you personally by our failure to keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments in this case.

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I have repeatedly emphasized the necessity for keeping the Bureau promptly informed of all major developments in important cases. I shall reiterate these instructions and continue to stress them in an effort to conscientiously prevent any similar recurrence.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: L. L. Laughlin
L. L. LAUGHLIN

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Handwritten: J. L. C.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *3/24/56*DATE: March 19,
1956FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AHB*SUBJECT: CONFERENCES (WITH SACs
(SAC L. L. LAUGHLIN, WFO and
SAC D. K. BROWN, Baltimore)
TWO-DAY CONFERENCE AT SOG (4/2 and 3/56)

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As instructed in Director's memorandum of February 24, 1956, there are set out below topics concerning which it is desired that above-named SACs be familiar with so that a detailed discussion can be had with them upon their arrival at SOG:

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

1. Communist Party and Communist front organizations - Program SAC is utilizing and progress achieved in his efforts to secure further informant penetration.
2. Communist Party - Progress achieved to date in ascertaining the organizational structure of the Communist Party in his district. This includes all operating Party units, from leadership to the individual clubs.
3. Intensification Program - Present status in WFO.

BALTIMORE

1. Informants - Program for improving informant coverage in connection with security work.
2. Communist Party - Progress achieved in ascertaining Communist Party organizational structure and identifying participants in activities of the units.
3. Antal Kamaras case - difficulties involved in covering espionage meets.

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1. Communist Party - Present operations of office and future plans looking toward identification and subsequent investigation of all members of Communist Party.
2. Intelligence Summary - information submitted for.

RECOMMENDATION: That this memorandum be forwarded to the Training and Inspection Division so that the above can be called to the attention of the SACs at WFO and Baltimore.

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(12)cc-Messrs. Boardman
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mason *MH*

FROM : Mr. Rosen *RWP*

SUBJECT: SAC CONFERENCES

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Reference is made to Director's memorandum of 2/24/56 instructing that the Training and Inspection Division be provided two weeks in advance of the time scheduled for an SAC to report at the Seat of Government information which deals with matters to be discussed with the SAC.

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SAC LAUGHLIN, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

1. Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Program - SAC should be prepared to discuss fully the UFAP problem in his division, as well as the steps being taken to develop these cases.

2. White Slave Traffic Act Program - There have been no WSTA convictions in the Washington Field Office since July 1, 1954. SAC should be prepared to discuss the reasons for this condition and possibilities for improvement.

3. Johnson Case - SAC should be prepared to discuss current status of matter entitled "Unsub.; John Samuel Johnson, Jr. - Victim, Crime on Government Reservation - Murder," Bureau file 70-20206, WFO file 70-923.

4. Importance of tighter supervision, accuracy and thoroughness in Security of Government Employees investigations and necessity of meeting deadlines.

5. In Special Inquiry matters, absolute necessity for accuracy in reporting names of persons interviewed.

6. In Special Inquiry matters, Laughlin should be prepared to discuss what steps may be taken to speed up record checks with [redacted]

7. In Special Inquiry and Maintenance Employees investigations necessity for meeting deadlines is to be discussed. [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

cc: 1- Training and Inspection Division

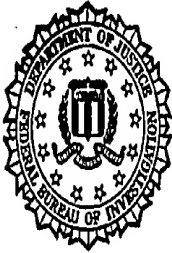
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Leo L. (Mary E.) Laughlin Relationship Wife Date 3-9-56
Address 512 Linden Lane Falls Church, Va.

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in the line of duty.

Name Mrs. Leo L. (Mary E.) Laughlin Relationship Wife Date 3-9-56
Address 512 Linden Lane Falls Church, Va.

Very truly yours,

Leo L. Laughlin
Special Agent

MAR 28 1956

April 3, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Ingram
W. H. Rensford

Yesterday, I saw SAC Leo L. Laughlin, of the Washington Field Division. Mr. Laughlin makes a good personal appearance.

I told Mr. Laughlin that I was glad to note that he had been recently removed from probation upon which he had been placed last December as a result of conditions found in his field division. I told Mr. Laughlin that I hoped that it would not be necessary to take such action again, as the Washington Field Division should be a model office for the service.

I discussed with Mr. Laughlin the stenographic delinquency in his office and my great concern about it and I advised him I had issued orders that there be temporarily assigned to his office from the Seat of Government additional stenographers to help out at least for thirty days.

I also called his attention to the fact that he was more than twenty per cent delinquent in a number of classes of cases and that this was not desirable.

I also mentioned the fact that I noted that fifty-six Agents of his office had not yet qualified for testimony, and that while I appreciated the unusual conditions existing in the Washington Field Division, I did desire that he make every effort to qualify as many as possible of these Agents for testimony as soon as possible.

I advised Mr. Laughlin that the Bureau had been compelled to send him thirty-five letters of censure during the last six months covering errors in reports, incomplete investigations and erroneous identifications. I also mentioned the mishandling of the Long case.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, Washington Field (66-2479) (orig. & 10) March 28, 1956

Director, FBI (65-63478)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM

The following personnel of the Washington Field Office participated in the one-day conference in connection with captioned program held at the Seat of Government on Monday, March 26, 1956:

L. L. Laughlin, SAC
Ludwig W. R. Oberndorf, Supervisor
Courtland J. Jones, Supervisor
Edwin Dalrymple, Assistant Supervisor
William P. Springston, Assistant Supervisor
H. E. Fenstermacher, Jr., Assistant Supervisor
Alexander W. Neale, Jr., Assistant Supervisor
[redacted] Assistant Supervisor
Carl F. Maisch, Assistant Supervisor

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This conference was convened at 9 A.M. and was concluded at 7:15 P.M. Accordingly, these men earned one hour and 15 minutes voluntary overtime each on this day.

Sufficient copies of this communication are being furnished herewith in order that a copy may be placed in the personnel file of each of the above-listed employees.

1 cc - Training and Inspection Division
1 cc - Administrative Division

1 cc - Personnel file of Leo L. Laughlin
1 cc - Personnel file of Ludwig W. R. Oberndorf
1 cc - Personnel file of Courtland J. Jones
1 cc - Personnel file of Edwin Dalrymple
1 cc - Personnel file of William P. Springston
1 cc - Personnel file of Harvey E. Fenstermacher, Jr.
1 cc - Personnel file of Alexander W. Neale, Jr.
1 cc - Personnel file of [redacted]
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TO: The Director

DATE: 3-1-56

FROM: J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: SACs, Legals Attache and Chief of Government
Officials on Probation

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROBATION DATE</u>	<u>DATE LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
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L. L. Laughlin: 12-7-55
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In view of the many weaknesses in operations of his office disclosed by the inspection.

Presently under recheck inspection
as of 2-27-56.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: LEO L. LAUGHLIN

Where Assigned: Washington Field Office
(Division) (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: Special Agent in Charge

Rating Period: from April 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Employee's
Initials

Rated by: [Signature] Assistant Director 3/31/56
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: Clyde A. Tolson Associate Director 3/31/56
Signature Title Date
[Signature] Assistant Director APR 4 1956

Rating approved by: [Signature] 58420-330 144
Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

(x) Official

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NARRATIVE COMMENTS

Note: The regulations require that OUTSTANDING ratings be supported by a statement in writing setting forth IN DETAIL the performance IN EVERY ASPECT and the REASONS for considering each worthy of SPECIAL COMMENDATION.
UNSATISFACTORY ratings must be supported by a statement in writing stating (1) WHEREIN the performance is unsatisfactory, (2) the facts of the (90 day) PRIOR WARNING, and (3) the efforts made AFTER THE WARNING TO HELP the employee bring his performance up to a satisfactory level.

April 18, 1956

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. Leo E. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

Your office in February and March successfully conducted two very delicate operations which have been responsible for the Bureau's obtaining invaluable information on internal security matters from highly confidential sources, and I want to express my commendation to you.

The close, personal supervision you have afforded these matters has been in no small measure responsible for these splendid accomplishments. I am sincerely gratified to note your obvious awareness of the importance of such endeavors and am happy to commend you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Based on memo Edwards to Mohr 4/9/56 NEM:bak.
Commendation is for successful cryptographic penetrations of the [redacted]
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March 29, 1956

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Mr. ~~Leo L. Laughlin~~
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

The improvement in operations of the Washington Field Office noted in the recent recheck inspection was encouraging but weaknesses still remain which must be eliminated.

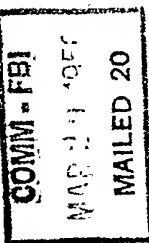
The reduction in delinquency since the last inspection from 8.7 per cent to 6.9 per cent represents a favorable trend but delinquencies in the following major classifications were entirely too high: Espionage, 19.44 per cent; Internal Security - Nationalistic Tendency, 11.97 per cent; Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, 13.84 per cent; Impersonation, 11.11 per cent. The large number of missed deadlines in applicant-type cases represents a most undesirable situation. Although it is realized that approximately two thirds of these missed deadlines were due to delays in other governmental agencies, such delays must receive your continued attention with a view to effecting a reduction. Better liaison with other governmental agencies should be emphasized and proper steps must be taken to eliminate delays in your own office in handling these investigations.

It is encouraging to note that you have a substantially improved record in statistical accomplishments for the first eight months of the current fiscal year compared to a similar period in the last fiscal year. I have also noted the excellent work done by your office in a highly confidential program in which material obtained has been described by another governmental agency as extremely valuable.

The time spent in the office by agents, although reduced since the last inspection, is still too high at 17.66 per cent and you must continue to press for a further reduction. Increased production of agents as reflected by the increase of average

cc - Mr. Mohr (Attention W. L. Edwards (With Enclosure))

VPK:hdp (Based on memo E. D. Mason to Mr. Tolson dated 3/27/56
re RECHECK INSPECTION - WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
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Mr. Leo I. Laughlin

cases closed per month per agent from 11.65 to 13.4 cases is another favorable trend. You should continue to obtain the highest possible production from agents without, of course, impairing the quality of investigations.

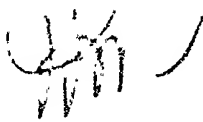
Production in your stenographic and typing pool is extremely unsatisfactory and the large backlog of delinquent work in the pool needs urgent attention. While the inexperience of a large percentage of your stenographers and your need for additional stenographers are both recognized, it is obvious that an increase in average production would go a long way toward eliminating the backlog of delinquent work. Tighten your supervision and increase the emphasis on training of stenographers so that over-all improvement can be brought about without delay.

Because of the general improvement of your office reflected in the report of the Inspector, I am removing you from probation. You must see to it, however, that each delinquency called to your attention by the Inspector is corrected without delay. Advise the Bureau promptly of your progress in this respect.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Mr. Tolson

3/27/56

E. D. Mason

RECHECK INSPECTION - WASHINGTON FIELD
INSPECTOR V. P. KEAY
3/27-3/28/56

SUMMARY

OFFICIALS: /Leo L. Laughlin, SAC at WFO since 8/14/53.
Howard B. Fletcher, ASAC there since 3/3/50.
Both on probation since 12/7/55 due to unsatisfactory conditions found in last full inspection.

LAST INSPECTION: 10/20 - 11/21/55

EVALUATION:

(1) PHYSICAL CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE...GOOD

Space in old building well maintained. Sixty automobiles checked and one had stop light not working, otherwise in good condition. Delinquencies noted during last inspection concerning maintenance of accident files, submission of auto accident forms, and records system on repairs to autos have all been corrected.

(2) INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS.....GOOD

Case load increased since last inspection 857 cases for a total of 3872 on 3/15/56, 347 active and 3425 inactive; case delinquency down from 8.7% last inspection to 6.91% (field average 7.66%). Cases include 17 applicant-type, 1405 security, and 1068 criminal; major classifications substantially above office average were: Espionage, 14 out of 72 cases or 19.44%; Internal Security - Nationalistic Tendency, 88 out of 735 or 11.97%; Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, 9 out of 65 or 13.84%; Impersonation, 3 out of 27 or 11.11%; SAC inspects to reduce these delinquencies. Missed deadlines found in 92 of 297 recently closed applicant files reviewed or 30.98% (21% in last inspection); two thirds of missed deadlines attributable to delays in other governmental agencies; instances of delayed airtels forwarding leads to other offices; substantive errors involved

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Enclosures

cc - Mr. Mohr (Attention H. ... rds) (Sent Separately)

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Memo to Mr. Tolson

delayed investigations in applicant cases; SAC censured 3/8/56 for delays and other employee failures in an applicant case; SAC instructed by Inspector to eliminate delays and missed deadlines in these cases. In 47 fugitive cases reviewed, 5 contained missed deadlines or 10.6% (15.6% in last inspection); in 30 Security of Government Employees and Loyalty of Employees of United Nations cases reviewed, 4 missed deadlines found or 13.3% (23.52% in last inspection).

Fourteen automobile accidents since last inspection, agents were responsible in four; SAC instructed to emphasize greater care in handling of automobiles.

Substantive errors in 610 pending files reviewed, 3 or .49% (low); in 481 closed files reviewed, 5 or 1.03% (average); principally involved delays in investigation and reporting.

Statistical accomplishments for first 8 months of current fiscal year up in all categories compared to similar period last year as follows: convictions up 78%, fugitives up 12%, automobiles up 5%, fines, savings and recoveries up 377%.

[] criminal informants, same as in last inspection; potential criminal informants increased from [] to [] over-all rating criminal informant program - good.

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Communist Party members estimated in WFO territory as 156 (158 in last inspection); Security Index subjects remain at 123, none missing; security informants increased since last inspection from [] but potential security informants declined from [] confidential sources were up from [] SAC instructed to emphasize development of additional potential security informants. [] new fixed lookouts established in connection with coverage Soviet activities and [] new lookouts established in coverage [] since last inspection. Office has [] important double-agent cases. Highly confidential operation on [] obtained information described as extremely valuable by another governmental agency; as result, 3 agents received incentive awards and 4 other agents commended.

Memo to Mr. Tolson

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS.....GOOD

3872 cases supervised by 14 supervisors in addition to SAC and ASAC. SAC has requested one additional supervisor, supervisory increases being considered in separate memorandum. Agent production up from 11.65 average cases closed per month to 13.4 since last inspection; time in office down from 21.85% to 17.66% (still above desirable maximum of 15%). Stenographic and typing pool had 730 pages of work over 5 days old on 3/6/. There are 67 typists and stenographers in pool, 7 below desired number; Administrative Division cognizant and endeavoring to furnish additional such employees. Production averaged 2.12 pages per hour (field average 3.38); low production in part due to fact two thirds of stenographers have less than one year's experience, turnover in pool in 1955 seventy employees. SAC has training program designed to improve production and was instructed by Inspector to emphasize.

Sixty-four form errors found in 1091 pending and closed files reviewed or 5.8% (7.4% in last inspection); 70% were agent errors and 30% clerical. Four misfiled index cards found in 3000 checked or .013% (low). A spot check of 13 cards reflected 5 errors in 380 cards or 1.32% (4.67% in last inspection).

(4) PERSONNEL MATTERS.....VERY GOOD

474 agents, 34 Special Employees, and 175 clerical employees; adequate except for need for stenographers; if case load continues to increase additional agents may be necessary. Special Employees are all rotated in duties at technical installations and checking records at other governmental agencies. Clerk-Agent ratio 32.2% (favorable). Voluntary overtime by agents in past 3 months, 1 hour, 58 minutes (1 hour, 52 minutes in last inspection). Fifty-six agents or 11.8% have not testified in Federal Proceedings but all have had Court training (one less than last inspection); opportunities for giving testimony limited in JFD due to low percentage of criminal work. Morale of office good.

(5) CONTACTS.....VERY GOOD

Present SAC has developed 20 of 23 SAC Contacts, knows all of them; has wide circle of acquaintances among leading governmental officials, civic and business leaders; relations with other governmental agencies with which office does business are excellent. Seven speeches by SAC and six by ASAC since last inspection.

Memo to Mr. Tolson

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) SAC Laughlin is excellent in contact work, has wide experience and broad knowledge of Bureau procedures and policies. On probation since 12/7/55 due to unfavorable conditions found in last full inspection. The over-all improvement in administration of the office since last inspection was noteworthy but weaknesses remain, particularly in the handling of applicant-type cases.

(2) ASAC Fletcher is competent, an experienced administrator. All phases of criminal investigative work supervised by him improved since last inspection, particularly noteworthy was the good record made in criminal statistical accomplishments.

(3) W. C. Ryan, Supervisor, handles supervision of applicant-type cases. Four errors of substance found in cases under his supervision. Per cent of deadlines missed in applicant cases too high. Censured and put on probation on 3/8/56 for delays and other delinquencies on part of employee under his supervision in connection with applicant investigation as well as personal fault in not promptly advising SAC of developments. Ryan is an experienced and loyal supervisory employee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) SAC Laughlin, GS-16, nonveteran.....remove from probation in view of over-all improvement. If approved, attached letter will so advise and will call attention to remaining weaknesses in his office needing correction.

(2) ASAC Fletcher, GS-15, nonveteran.....remove from probation. If approved, Administrative Division will handle.

(Recommendations continued
on next page)

Memo to Mr. Tolson

(3) W. C. Ryan, GS-14, nonveteran, on probation since 3/8/50.....CE:SUDE
AND CONTINUE ON PROBATION for delinquencies in applicant work under his supervision. If approved, Administrative Division will handle.

(4) Recommendations as to other personnel submitted separately.

PERMANENT LETTERS OF SAC LAUGHLIN, ASAC FLETCHER AND SUPERVISOR PYAL ARE ATTACHED HERETO.

July 25, 1956

Personal and Confidential

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

~~WASHINGTON F.O.~~
Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I have noted with a great deal of satisfaction that your division showed increases in all categories of statistical accomplishments for the fiscal year just ended, and it is a real pleasure to commend you and, through you, the personnel of your office.

This splendid record could have been achieved, I know, only through constant, aggressive supervision on your part and the wholehearted enthusiasm, diligence and devotion to duty which were demonstrated by the Washington Field Office employees. Please express my appreciation to everyone who contributed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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National Security Council
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Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for your most thoughtful letter of May 16, 1956, concerning Mr. Leo L. Laughlin's address before the Father and Sons Communion Breakfast of St. Bernadette's Church on May 13.

I know it was a great pleasure for him to be present on this occasion, and I am advising him of your gracious comments. He will, I know, share in my deep appreciation for your consideration in writing.

Sincerely,

Leo L. Laughlin

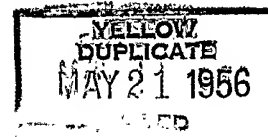
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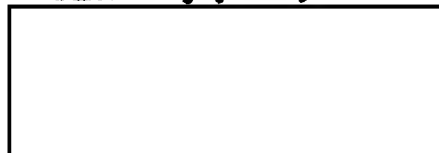
Dear Mr. Hoover:

Last Sunday, thanks to your good offices, Mr. Leo Laughlin was the guest speaker at the "Father and Sons Communion Breakfast" which was sponsored by St. Bernadette's Church, the parish in which I reside in Silver Spring.

Mr. Laughlin's talk to this group was most interesting, informative - indeed, inspirational. Without exception every comment I heard - and there were many following the talk - was most favorable in terms of the fine work being accomplished by you and your associates in the Bureau, and in terms of Mr. Laughlin who acquitted himself most admirably as the FBI representative on that occasion.

In my opinion presentations such as that which we were privileged to receive from Mr. Laughlin contribute to the already high regard and esteem in which you and the Bureau are held by the public in general.

Sincerely yours,



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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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MAY 17 1956

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 18, 1956

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: RE-CHECK INSPECTION--WFO

Washington F.O. Inspection

ReBulet March 29, 1956.

The individual delinquencies found during the re-check inspection of WFO in March, 1956, have been corrected.

We shall continue to make every effort to eliminate the weaknesses noted during this re-check inspection. Particular effort will be made to reduce the over-all delinquency and especially delinquencies in certain classifications. Similarly, we shall continue to press for a reduction in the time spent in the office by agents.

The stenographic situation is receiving close attention. Thanks to the assistance of the Bureau, the large backlog of delinquent work is being reduced. Emphasis is being placed on the training and supervision of the assigned complement of stenographers in an effort to improve the over-all production.

I appreciate your removing me from probation, and I assure you that I shall endeavor to administer this office in conformance with the high standards of the Bureau.

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August 16, 1956

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

The fine work done in your division in the investigation of the Assaulting Federal Officer case involving [redacted] and others has prompted me to express my appreciation for the high calibre of your over-all supervision in this matter.

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Please accept my personal commendation for the successful results accomplished. It is evident you gave close, continuing attention to the case and inspired the participating personnel to perform in an exemplary fashion.

Sincerely yours,

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August 20, 1956

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I am indeed gratified to note the skillful handling of the operation conducted August 1, 1956, involving the development of a highly confidential source of information pertaining to internal security matters.

Please convey to the participating agents my personal commendation for their discreet, effective services in this delicate matter. It is evident that each agent performed his particular duties efficiently and conscientiously, and I want everyone involved to know of my appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

CC: Mr. Parsons (Personal Attention)
Operation participated in by SA George A. Berley

CC: Personnel files of SAs
C. Edwin Glass, Jr.
Philip H. Wilson
George A. Berley
Wilfred L. Bergeron

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September 11, 1956

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

The delicate operation completed July 31, 1956, which resulted in the development of a highly confidential source of information pertaining to internal security matters, has prompted me to express in this way my appreciation to the participating agents.

I am well aware of the particularly difficult and sensitive nature of this assignment and feel that an unusually fine job was done in this instance. Please convey my personal commendation to everyone involved.

Sincerely yours,

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Based on memo Belmont to Boardman 8/13/56 HWS:sm
and Addendum of Administrative Division 8/17/56 CRD:bak

CC: Personnel files of SAs:

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SAC, Washington Field

September 11, 1956

Director, FBI

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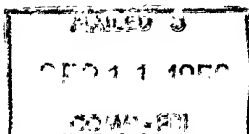
You should report to SOG, Room 5231, at 10 A.M. on September 24, 1956, for a Specialized In-Service School for a period of twelve days. This school is in lieu of In-Service. Firearms training will be included.

Confirm attendance.

CC - Mr. Gearty

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September 12, 1955

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I am most pleased with the fine work done by you and agents under your supervision in the investigation of the Kidnaping case involving [REDACTED] and I want everyone involved to know of my sincere appreciation.

The diligence and application to duty of the agents involved resulted in the development of leads which made possible the location of the subject in another division. Please convey my commendation for a job well done to Special Agents Kenneth T. Delavigne, [REDACTED] J. Henry Folkinhorn, [REDACTED] and Bernard E. Fischer.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Based on WFO memo 9/7/55 LLL:MCP

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE IT IN ANY WAY.

Very truly yours,

Leo L. Laughlin
Leo L. Laughlin

October 8, 1956

PERSONAL

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

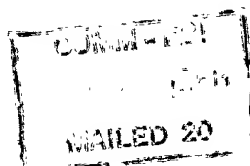
Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I am sorry the necessity for me
to be out of the city prevented my seeing you when
you were attending the Kidnap School. I hope I
shall have the pleasure of talking with you at some
other time.

Sincerely,

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TO : MR. TOLSON

September 10, 1956

FROM : J. P. MOHR

L. L. Laughlin

SUBJECT : SPECIAL KIDNAP SQUAD SCHOOL

Attached is a list of SACs, ASACs, and Special Agents selected to attend the Special Kidnap Squad School beginning September 24, 1956. The SACs and ASACs have previously been approved for attendance. In addition, R. K. Moore and E. E. Hargett of the Inspection Section, Training and Inspection Division, have been approved for attendance.

The files of all Special Agents selected have been carefully reviewed and it appears that they are fully qualified for attendance and for training as indicated on the attachment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Agents listed be approved so that orders may be immediately transmitted to the field.

SAs Hargett & Moore instructed to attend by memo 9/11/56 & SACs & ASACs adv. by air-tels dated 9/11/56. All personnel adv. by communications dated 9/13/56. JAE

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Rosen
Mr. Price
Mr. Gearty
Movement Unit

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SPECIAL KIDNAP SQUAD SCHOOL
9/24/56 through 10/5/56

Special Agents in Charge

D. S. Hostetter (Instructor)	- Chicago
Scott Alden	- Knoxville
D. K. Brown	- Baltimore
H. G. Foster	- Newark
T. J. Gearty	- Butte
L. L. Laughlin	- Washington Field
H. G. Maynor	- San Diego
C. E. Weeks	- Miami
Percy Wyly, II	- Kansas City

Administrative Officers

J. L. McGovern (ASAC)	- Atlanta
H. E. Welborn (ASAC)	- Charlotte
W. C. Hinze (ASAC)	- Detroit
A. J. Rushing (ASAC)	- New Haven
C. M. Kelley (ASAC)	- San Francisco
A. Gillies (ASAC)	- Denver
W. D. Griffith (ASAC)	- Buffalo
W. M. Alexander	- Investigative Division (Under transfer to Houston as ASAC)
J. L. Handley	- New York

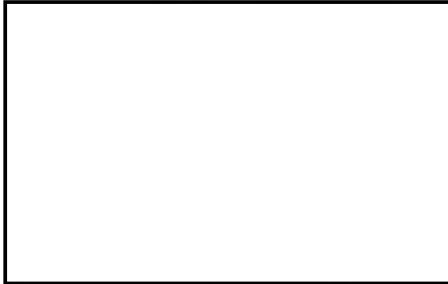
Liaison Officers

<div></div>	- Philadelphia
	- Washington Field
	- Miami
	- Los Angeles
	- Cleveland
<div></div>	- Minneapolis
Marlin W. Johnson	- Investigative Division (Under transfer to Indianapolis as ASAC)
<div></div>	- San Francisco

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SPECIAL KIDNAP SQUAD SCHOOL (Continued)

Reporting Officers



- Boston
- Little Rock
- Knoxville
- San Diego
- San Diego
- New York
- New York
- Los Angeles

Research Officers

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- New Orleans
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- Pittsburgh
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- St. Louis
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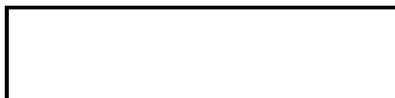
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Laboratory Technicians



- FBI Laboratory
- FBI Laboratory

SPECIAL KIDNAP SQUAD SCHOOL (Continued)

Chief Clerks

	- Charlotte
	- Cincinnati
	- Phoenix
	- San Diego
	- New York
	- New Haven
	- Washington Field
	- Washington Field

Personnel Officers

	- New York
	- Newark
	- Philadelphia
	- San Francisco
	- St. Louis
	- San Francisco
	- Chicago
	- Baltimore

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Photographers

	- New York
	- New York

Although [] and [] are not Special Agents, they are fully qualified photographers and are authorized by the Bureau to conduct special photographic assignment work outside of the office accompanied by Special Agents. They have proved highly successful in a number of highly confidential photographic investigative assignments.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : The Executives Conference

SUBJECT : SPECIAL KIDNAP SQUAD SCHOOL

September 5, 1956

Leo L. Laughlin

The Conference, with Messrs. Tolson, Mohr, Tamm, Parsons, Nease, Hennrich, Belmont, McGuire, Brown, and Rosen in attendance, considered reinstituting a specialized training session to be devoted to the handling of a kidnaping case.

The last Kidnap Squad training sessions were held between October 26, 1953, and January 29, 1954. Five Kidnap Squad courses were conducted, the last of which was on January 29, 1954.

On July 1, 1954, a special one-day conference was held for ten SACs, ten administrative officers, and ten liaison officers who had been trained during the previous Kidnap Squad courses.

Total Number of Agents Trained

A total of 290 persons attended the above courses. Upon completion, they were qualified to participate in various capacities in any future kidnap cases. Personnel so trained were allocated to four squads as follows:

Eastern Squad	- - -	106
Southern Squad	- - -	78
Western Squad	- - -	56
Midwestern Squad	- - -	50

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cc: 1 - Mr. B. C. Brown
1 - Mr. Nease
1 - Mr. Mohr

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

Included in the Eastern Squad are 16 Laboratory technicians who are available to all squads.

There has been a reduction in the total personnel available. As of September 5, 1956, there is available a total of 258. (The total available includes persons temporarily removed because of assignments outside of the United States, limited duty, probation status, special assignment, and illness.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That a Kidnap School be set up for the earliest available date, namely, September 24, 1956.

OK H

(2) That the school be composed of eight SACs who can, immediately upon completion of the school, assume complete charge of a kidnaping case. This is necessary in order to enlarge our present list of approved SACs able to head up a Kidnap Squad.

OK H

(3) That the following SACs be selected to receive this training now:

SAC D. K. Brown, Baltimore
SAC H. G. Foster, Newark
SAC C. E. Weeks, Miami
SAC H. G. Maynor, San Diego
SAC T. J. Gearty, Butte
SAC L. L. Laughlin, Washington Field
SAC Percy Wyly, Kansas City
SAC Scott Alden, Knoxville

SACs adv. by air-tel
& memo 9/11/56. JAE

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(4) That in addition SAC D. S. Hostetter, Chicago, be instructed to attend to not only participate in the discussion but also assist in the over-all training program.

Adv. by air-tel
dated 9/11/56 JAE

OK --
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(5) That Messrs. R. K. Moore and E. E. Hargett of the Training and Inspection Division attend to receive the training in order to take over as Agent in Charge of the Kidnap Squad.

Adv. by memo dated
9/11/56. JAE

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(6) That in addition to the afore-mentioned, a selected group of eight ASACs be instructed to attend. They would be selected from offices other than those named above where the SACs will be instructed to come in.

OK H

(7) That the total complement of personnel, in addition to those above, be approximately 60 in order that there will be two working squads of 30 men each.

OK H

(8) That the personnel to be selected, and the training curriculum to be followed, be immediately worked out among the Administrative Division, Training and Inspection Division, and Investigative Division.

OK H

(9) That, following the school, hereafter all In Service training courses include specialized kidnap training for those Agents assigned to criminal work in the field. Such appropriate training would be worked into the present In Service training given to all Agents assigned to criminal work.

OK H

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

(10) That it was not thought advisable at this time to give specialized kidnaping training to those Agents assigned to security work in the field.

OK H

If the Director approves the above program, steps will be taken to immediately proceed to set up a Kidnap Squad School to commence September 24, for approximately ten days to two weeks (the curriculum to be immediately drawn up), and the above program implemented.

OK H

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: October 29, 1956

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: LEO L. LAUGHLIN
 Special Agent in Charge
 Washington Field Office
 REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ANNUAL LEAVE

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Mr. Laughlin advised this morning that his brother-in-law, the husband of Laughlin's sister, dropped dead Saturday afternoon of a heart attack. The brother-in-law was fifty-one years old. The brother-in-law leaves surviving Mr. Laughlin's sister and [redacted] Mr. Laughlin stated the funeral was to be held on Wednesday, October 31, 1956, and requested annual leave through Wednesday. He said he could be reached in care of W. J. Sharako, Girardville, Pennsylvania, Girardville 6248. A letter to Mr. Laughlin is being prepared.

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*Miss Pers.
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 10-29-56
 C. Mohr*

V. J. Mohr

cc: Movement Unit
 Mrs. Wood

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October 18, 1956

SAC, Washington Field Office

RE: Leo L. Laughlin
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
In-Service Course September 24 to October 5, 1956

Type of School: ☐ Security ☐ Criminal ☐ General
Kidnap School

Dear Sir:

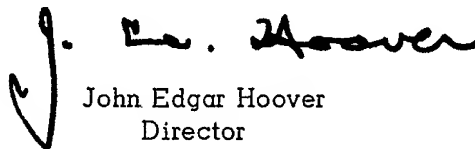
The above-mentioned Special Agent attended the above In-Service Training Course at the Seat of Government and attained the following grades:

Notebook	
Examination	
Double Action Course	96
Practical Pistol Course	93
Shotgun (Skeet)	16/25
.30 Rifle	87
Machine Gun	94

The firearms grades with the exception of the Shotgun Skeet Course should be entered on the individual field firearms training record.

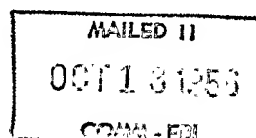
This employee should be credited with 3 hours and 40 minutes of overtime earned on 1 calendar days during the above period in October.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: SAC Leo L. Laughlin
Washington Field Office

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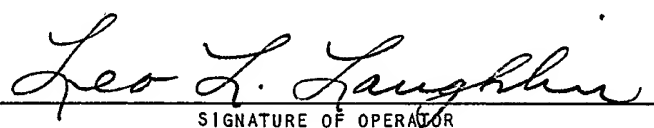
PHYSICAL FITNESS INQUIRY FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME LAUGHLIN, LEO L.		2. DATE OF BIRTH 9-10-10		3. TITLE OF POSITION Special Agent in Charge	
4. HOME ADDRESS (Number, street or RFD, city or town, zone and State) 512 Linden Lane Falls Church, Virginia				5. EMPLOYING AGENCY FBI	
6. HAVE YOU EVER HAD OR HAVE YOU NOW (Place check at left of each item)					
YES	NO		YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Poor vision in one or both eyes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arthritis, rheumatism, swollen or painful joints
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor hearing in one or both ears		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deformity of hand, arm, foot, or leg
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nervous or mental trouble of any kind
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Palpitation, chest pain or shortness of breath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackouts or epilepsy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dizziness or fainting spells		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sugar or albumin in urine
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frequent or severe headaches		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excessive drinking habit (ALCOHOL)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High or low blood pressure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other serious defects or diseases
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drug or narcotic habit			
7. IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES" TO ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, EXPLAIN FULLY IN THIS SPACE: Poor vision - must wear glasses when driving.					
8. (A) DO YOU WEAR GLASSES? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (B) DO YOU WEAR CONTACT LENSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (C) DO YOU WEAR A HEARING AID? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
I certify that my answers above are full and true, and I understand that a false statement or dishonest answer to any question may be grounds for cancellation of my eligibility or my dismissal from the service and is punishable by law.					
SIGNATURE Leo L. Laughlin				DATE 5-21-56	

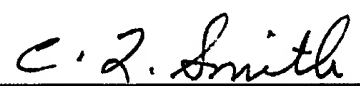
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<i>C. J. Smith</i>	<i>10-17-56</i>

PAST SAFE DRIVING RECORD CERTIFICATION

TO BE FILLED IN BY OPERATOR

NAME OF OPERATOR (PRINT - LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) LAUGHLIN, LEO L.		DATE 5-21-56
DIVISION AND SECTION ASSIGNED Washington Field Office	POSITION TITLE Special Agent in Charge	
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I PRESENTLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HOLD <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT HOLD A VALID MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S PERMIT OR DRIVER'S LICENSE.		
PERMIT ISSUED BY: (STATE, TERRITORY POSSESSION, DISTRICT) Dist. of Columbia Virginia	PERMIT NUMBER 468385 6J100188	PERMIT EXPIRES 1-20-57 9-30-56
THIS IS AN UNRESTRICTED (RESTRICTED) PERMIT. (IF RESTRICTED, EXPLAIN BELOW) (STRIKE OUT ONE) Must wear glasses when driving		
THIS FURTHER CERTIFIES THAT DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS I HAVE DRIVEN A MOTOR VEHICLE (GOVERNMENT OR PERSONALLY OWNED) APPROXIMATELY 30,000 MILES. DURING THIS TIME (A) I <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HAVE NOT RECEIVED A TRAFFIC VIOLATION TICKET; (B) I <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HAVE NOT BEEN HELD AT FAULT* AS THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE INVOLVED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. IF AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN ADJACENT SPACE GIVING NUMBER AND DATES OF OFFENSES.		
* "AT FAULT" MEANS ANY CASE IN WHICH RESPONSIBILITY IS CONCEDED BY EMPLOYEE OR HIS INSURANCE COMPANY OR LIABILITY IS FIXED BY DULY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY.		 SIGNATURE OF OPERATOR

TO BE FILLED IN BY REVIEWING OFFICIAL

NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICIAL (PRINT - LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) Smith, C. P.	POSITION TITLE SPECIAL AGENT	DATE 10-17-56
THE PERSONNEL FILE OF THIS EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS:		
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUOUS SAFE DRIVING RECORD <input type="checkbox"/> INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AND FOUND AT FAULT **		
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** "AT FAULT" MEANS ANY CASE IN WHICH THE BUREAU HAS TAKEN DISCIPLINARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AGAINST THE EMPLOYEE.		 (SIGNATURE OF REVIEWING OFFICIAL)

REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION BY DESIGNATED OFFICIAL

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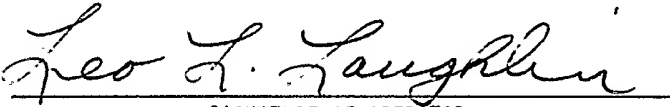
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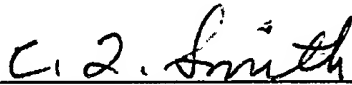
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December 2, 1956

PERSONAL

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

Today is your Twenty-first Anniversary with this Bureau and I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion. You can well be proud of the envious record you have set and the Bureau is fortunate in having had the benefit of your services these many years, and I hope we will be fortunate enough to have you for many more.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Nease	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

November 1, 1956

Alvin Wood
and *Clark*

Dear Director:

Thank you for your very kind letter of October 29, 1956, on the occasion of the sudden passing of my brother-in-law.

My family join me in expressing our sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Leo L. Laughlin

Leo L. Laughlin

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dir's Pers. note
Pres. sent 10-29-56
re: death of brother-in-law.
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October 29, 1956

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
c/o Mr. A. J. Sharcko
Girardville, Pennsylvania

Dear Laughlin:

Word has reached me of the passing
of your brother-in-law, and I want to extend to
you and your family my deepest sympathy. Please
let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Mohr advised Leave Unit on 10-29-56 of the passing of
employee's brother-in-law.

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Mr. Holloman	
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Washington, D. C.
December 3, 1956

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of December 2, 1956, on the occasion of my Twenty-first Anniversary with the Bureau.

I consider myself very fortunate indeed to have had the opportunity of serving the FBI these many years under your outstanding leadership.

I hope I shall have the chance to continue in the service of the Bureau under your Directorship for many more years.

Sincerely,

Leo L. Laughlin

(Leo L. Laughlin)

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tolson ✓
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Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

December 7, 1956

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: "THE FBI STORY"

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read with a great deal of enjoyment Mr. Don Whitehead's fine presentation of the Bureau's history. The book is particularly meaningful to me since it was my good fortune, under your fine direction, to have participated first hand in some of the cases presented by the author.

Many of the employees in WFO with whom I have had the opportunity to discuss this book have told me that they found it most interesting and expressed renewed pride in being part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Because "The FBI Story" is a factual presentation, I think it truly is "a report to the people." As you express it so well in your foreword, the truth is still the best weapon against the falsehoods and vilification directed against the Bureau in recent years by certain elements. The record of the FBI speaks for itself and is the best answer to our defamers.

Sincerely,

Leo L. Laughlin

(Leo L. Laughlin)

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date 12-11-76
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REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME (Type or Print) Laughlin, Leo L.		2. GRADE AND COMPONENT OR POSITION SAC - WFO	3. IDENTIFICATION NO.
4. HOME ADDRESS (Number, street or RFD, city or town, zone and State)		5. PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION Annual	6. DATE OF EXAMINATION OCT 17-56
7. SEX M	8. RACE W	9. TOTAL YRS. GOVT. SERVICE MILITARY CIVILIAN	10. DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR SERVICE
11. ORGANIZATION UNIT			
12. DATE OF BIRTH 9-10-10		13. PLACE OF BIRTH Shenandoah, Pa.	
14. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN			
15. EXAMINING FACILITY OR EXAMINER, AND ADDRESS Bethesda		16. OTHER INFORMATION	

17. RATING OR SPECIALTY		TIME IN THIS CAPACITY: TOTAL		LAST SIX MONTHS	
CLINICAL EVALUATION		NOTES.—Describe every abnormality in detail. (Enter pertinent item number before each comment; continue in item 73 and use additional sheets if necessary.)			
NORMAL	ABNOR- MAL	(Check each item in appropriate column; enter "N. E." if not evaluated)			
		18. HEAD, FACE, NECK, AND SCALP			
		19. NOSE			
		20. SINUSES			
		21. MOUTH AND THROAT			
		22. EARS—GENERAL (Int. & ext. canals) (Auditory acuity under items 70 and 71)			
		23. DRUMS (Perforation)			
		24. EYES—GENERAL (Visual acuity and refraction under items 69, 60, and 61)			
	NE	25. OPHTHALMOSCOPIC			
		26. PUPILS (Equality and reaction)			
		27. OCULAR MOTILITY (Associated parallel movements; nystagmus)			
		28. LUNGS AND CHEST (Include breasts)			
		29. HEART (Thrust, size, rhythm, sounds)			
		30. VASCULAR SYSTEM (Varicosities, etc.)			
		31. ABDOMEN AND VISCERA (Include hernia)			
		32. ANUS AND RECTUM (Hemorrhoids, fistulae) (Prostate if indicated)			
		33. ENDOCRINE SYSTEM			
		34. G-U SYSTEM			
		35. UPPER EXTREMITIES (Strength, range of motion)			
		36. FEET			
		37. LOWER EXTREMITIES (Except feet) (Strength, range of motion)			
		38. SPINE, OTHER MUSCULOSKELETAL			
		39. IDENTIFYING BODY MARKS, SCARS, TATTOOS			
		40. SKIN, LYMPHATICS			
		41. NEUROLOGIC (Equilibrium tests under item 72)			
		42. PSYCHIATRIC (Specify any personality deviation)			
Females only		(Check how done)			
		43. PELVIC <input type="checkbox"/> VAGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> RECTAL			

Small cystic mass rt. upper lid NCD

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(Continue in item 73)

44. DENTAL (Place appropriate symbols above or below number of upper and lower teeth, respectively)		REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL DENTAL DEFECTS AND DISEASES	
O.—Restorable teeth I.—Nonrestorable teeth		X.—Missing teeth XXX.—Replaced by dentures (6 X 8).—Fixed bridge, brackets to include abutments	
R I G H T	X X ₂ 3 4 5 6 X ₄ 8 9 X ₆ 11 12 X 14 15 16	Meets Dental Standards	
L E F T	X ₃ 31 X ₃₀ 29 28 27 26 25 22 21 20 19 X ₁₈ 17 X ₁₆		

LABORATORY FINDINGS		47. SEROLOGY (Specify test used and result)	
45. URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.015		46. CHEST X-RAY (Place, date, film number, result)	
ALBUMIN Neg.	SUGAR Neg.	See report 11498-56	
MICROSCOPIC Negative		10 JAN 10 1957	
48. EKG Normal	49. BLOOD TYPE AND RH FACTOR	Meets Dental Standards	
50. OTHER TESTS		3 juv	

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MEASUREMENTS AND OTHER FINDINGS

51. HEIGHT 73		52. WEIGHT 198		53. COLOR HAIR Grey		54. COLOR EYES Brown		55. BUILD: SLENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEAVY <input type="checkbox"/> OBESE <input type="checkbox"/>		56. TEMP.	
57. BLOOD PRESSURE (Arm at heart level)						58. PULSE (Arm at heart level)					
SITTING	SYS. 111 DIAS. 72	RECUM- BENT	SYS. DIAS.	STANDING (3 min.)	SYS. DIAS.	SITTING	AFTER EXERCISE	2 MIN. AFTER	RECUMBENT	AFTER STANDING 3 MIN.	
59. DISTANT VISION						60. REFRACTION			61. 0.62M NEAR VISION		
RIGHT 20/		CORR. TO 20/		BY Lens S.		CX		20.10 CORR. TO		BY	
LEFT 20/		CORR. TO 20/		BY Lens S.		CX		20.12 CORR. TO		BY	
62. HETEROPHORIA: (Specify distance) ES° EX° R. H. L. H. PRISM DIV. PRISM CONV. PC PD											
63. ACCOMMODATION RIGHT LEFT				64. COLOR VISION (Test used and result) APC 19/10 18/18				65. DEPTH PERCEPTION (Test used and score) UNCORRECTED CORRECTED			
66. FIELD OF VISION				67. NIGHT VISION (Test used and score)				68. RED LENS		69. INTRAOCULAR TENSION	
70. HEARING		71. AUDIOMETER								72. PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOMOTOR (Tests used and score)	
RIGHT WV 7/15 SV /15		LEFT WV 15 /15 SV 15 /15		250 dB	500 dB	1000 dB	2000 dB	3000 dB	4000 dB	8000 dB	
				RIGHT							
				LEFT							

73. NOTES (Continued) AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY

(Use additional sheets of plain paper if necessary)

74. SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES (List diagnoses with item numbers)

75. RECOMMENDATIONS—FURTHER SPECIALIST EXAMINATIONS INDICATED (Specify)

76. PHYSICAL PROFILE

P	U	L	H	E	S

77. EXAMINEE (Check)

☒ IS
☐ IS NOT QUALIFIED FOR

78. IF NOT QUALIFIED, LIST DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS BY ITEM NUMBER

PHYSICAL CATEGORY

A	B	C	E

79. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN

G. R. Johnston, Capt, MC USN

SIGNATURE

/s/ G. R. Johnston

80. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN

SIGNATURE

81. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF DENTIST OR PHYSICIAN (Indicate which)

SIGNATURE

/s/ J. B. Ferris

82. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER OR APPROVING AUTHORITY

SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENT TO STANDARD FORM 88
(Revised December 5, 1955)

Report of Medical Examination

FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER:

The following portions of the attached examination report form need not be completed:

2	67
3	68
11	69
14	71 (Item 71, audiometer examinations,
17	should be afforded whenever possible.)
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65	72

Item 48, the electrocardiogram, is not required unless the examinee is over 35 years of age or unless other examination indicates such is desirable.

If the examinee is an applicant, the Chest X-ray and blood type and Rh factor (Items 46 and 49) are not necessary unless the facilities for affording same are readily available to the examiner.

FOR ALL EXAMINEES, WHETHER CLERICAL OR SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANTS OR EMPLOYEES:

The medical examiner should answer the following question:

Examinee is qualified for strenuous physical exertion. (Designate which)
(is or is not)

FOR ALL MALE EMPLOYEES OR APPLICANTS:

The medical examiner is requested to answer the following:

Does examinee have any defects restricting or prohibiting his participation in defensive tactics and dangerous assignments which might entail the practical use of firearms? Does examinee have any defects prohibiting safe operation of motor vehicles?

No
If answer is "yes" please specify.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN ITEMS 59, 61, 64 AND 70 PERTAINING TO VISUAL ACUITY, COLOR VISION AND HEARING BE COMPLETED IN DETAIL.

G. R. Johnston
(Signature of Medical Examiner)

DEC 28 1956
(Date)

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LAUGHLIN, L. L.

PATIENT'S LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME

REGISTER NO.

WARD NO.

Staff Clinic

LAUGHLIN, Leo Lemuel

AGE

SEX

(Check one)

☐ BEDSIDE, WHEELCHAIR;
OR STRETCHER

☐ BED
PATIENT

☐ AMBULATORY

EXAMINATION REQUESTED

REQUESTED BY

DATE OF REQUEST

(Above space for mechanical imprinting, if used)

PERTINENT CLINICAL HISTORY, OPERATIONS, PHYSICAL FINDINGS, AND PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS

FILM NO.

11498-56

DATE OF REPORT

RADIOGRAPHIC REPORT

11-8-56 CHEST: Essentially negative. GLL: egc

/s/ GIL
CDR MC USN

SIGNATURE: (Specify location of laboratory if not part of requesting facility)

GPO c9-16-58908-51

Standard Form 519A (Rev. Aug. 1954)
Promulgated by Bureau of the Budget
Circular A-32 (Rev.)

RADIOGRAPHIC REPORT

(NAME OF HOSPITAL OR OTHER MEDICAL FACILITY)

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1. Agency and organizational designations FBI, U. S. Dept. of Justice		2. Pay roll fund	3. Block No.	4. Slip No. 14643
5. Employee's name (and social security account number when appropriate) MR. LEO L. LAUGHLIN SAC 01772		6. Grade and salary GS 16 \$13,545		

PAY ROLL CHANGE DATA

	BASE PAY	OVERTIME		GROSS PAY	RET.	TAX	BOND	F. I. C. A.		NET PAY
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8. New normal										
9. Pay this period										

10. Remarks:	11. Appropriation(s)	12. Prepared by
		13. Audited by

☒ Periodic step-increase
 ☐ Pay adjustment
 ☐ Other step-increase

14. Effective date 1-13-57	15. Date last equivalent increase 7-17-55	16. Old salary rate \$13,330	17. New salary rate \$13,545	18. Performance rating is satisfactory or better. <div style="text-align: right;">32</div>
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19. LWOP data (Fill in appropriate spaces covering LWOP during following periods):
 Period(s): **32 DEC 21 1956**

☐ No excess LWOP. Total excess LWOP **NA:VO**

(Check applicable box in case of excess LWOP)
☐ In pay status at end of waiting period
☐ In LWOP status at end of waiting period.

Initials of Clerk **3/10**

December 11, 1956

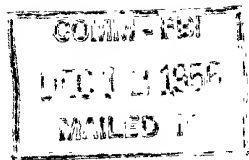
Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
606 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Laughlin:

I have received your letter of December 7 and was very happy to learn how much you enjoyed Don Whitehead's book on the Bureau. Your very kind personal comments were most appreciated. It was good to hear that "The FBI Story" has received such a fine reception among the personnel of your office.

As you know, a definitive portrayal of our operations through the years was very much needed, and I certainly think that the author has given our organization a most objective treatment.

Sincerely,



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January 10, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Yesterday I saw Special Agent in Charge Leo L. Laughlin, of the Washington Field Division. Mr. Laughlin stated he was calling upon me to ascertain whether I had any suggestions as to improvement of the operations of the Washington Field Division.

I told Mr. Laughlin that I hoped that he had learned from the lesson which he had in the early part of 1956, when he was on probation, the necessity for maintaining firm and hard but fair standards in the Washington Field Division.

I also called Mr. Laughlin's attention to the fact that I noted there were forty-eight Agents in the Washington Field Division who had not yet qualified for testimony in Federal Court and that steps should be taken to correct this as rapidly as possible.

I discussed with Mr. Laughlin the amount of time being spent by Agents in the office; the fact that in a number of classes of cases the delinquency exceeded twenty per cent; and the fact that I noted that there had been a drop in the number of speeches made by him and representatives of the Washington Field Division in the last two years, namely, that in 1955 there had been 126 appearances made, whereas in 1956 there had only been 100.

I also spoke to Mr. Laughlin about the necessity for him being personally in touch with such technical surveillances and confidential operations as are carried on by the Washington Field Division to be certain not only as to physical security thereof, but also as to the fact that only personnel are assigned in whom complete reliance can be placed.

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Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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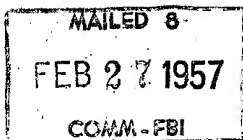
~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I have noted the generous and spontaneous gesture on the part of Special Agents of the Washington Field Office in rendering financial assistance to Special Agent

It was most heart-warming to receive this information which reflects the comradeship and mutual helpfulness which prevail in the Bureau.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Based on WFO memo 2/19/57 LLL:MCP

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Society of SAVINGS and LOAN CONTROLLERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., CHAPTER

Oriental Building Association
600 F Street, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.
February 18th, 1957

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Chicago, Ill.

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Lajolla, Calif.

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Special Agent in Charge
Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in the meeting of the Washington, D. C. Chapter, Society of Savings and Loan Controllers on Wednesday, February 13th, 1957.

In behalf of the entire membership I wish to express thanks for your splendid talk outlining the work done by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the case of a robbery of an Association and the numerous suggestions you made whereby the personnel of the Association could be of assistance to the Bureau. Each one of us present enjoyed your presentation. I, personally, was happy to have made your acquaintance.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely, *(initials)*

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President.
WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER,
SOCIETY OF SAVINGS AND
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CC: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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March 15, 1957

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Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation through you to those stenographers of the Washington Field Office who worked so diligently in connection with the Bribery case involving James Riddle Hoffa and others.

These employees exhibited a splendid spirit of cooperation in performing many hours of overtime with complete disregard for their own personal convenience in order to be of assistance in handling this expedite matter. Please convey my commendation to them.

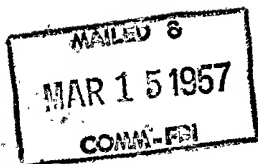
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Based on memo SAC, WFO 3-14-57 LLL:MCP and Addendum of Investigative Division AR:LS 3-15-57.

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March 11, 1957

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Field office

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I am aware of the assistance rendered
by agents of the Washington Field Office to Special
Agent Chester A. Pettit during his recent illness.

It is most gratifying to note the generous
and spontaneous action by these agents in donating
blood for Agent Pettit when it was needed for an
emergency transfusion. This is certainly a splendid
demonstration of helpfulness at a time of need.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Based on WFO memo 3/1/57 LLL:MCR

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Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Nease	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Washington, D. C.
March 19, 1957

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your very kind letter of March 15, 1957, concerning my participation in the James Riddle Hoffa case.

Your commendatory remarks are most encouraging and inspiring, and I assure you that I am most appreciative of your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

L. L. Laughlin
L. L. Laughlin

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: LEO L. LAUGHLIN

Where Assigned: Washington Field Division
(Division) (Section, Unit)

Official Position Title: Special Agent in Charge

Rating Period: from April 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957

ADJECTIVE RATING: EXCELLENT Employee's
Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory Initials

Rated by: *[Signature]* Assistant Director 3/31/57
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: *Clyde Galson* Associate Director 3/31/57
Signature Title Date

Rating Approved by: _____
Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

(X) Official
(X) Annual

() Administrative
() 60-Day
() Transfer
() Separation from Service
() Special
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NARRATIVE COMMENTS

Note: The regulations require that OUTSTANDING ratings be supported by a statement in writing setting forth IN DETAIL the performance IN EVERY ASPECT and the REASONS for considering each worthy of SPECIAL COMMENDATION.
UNSATISFACTORY ratings must be supported by a statement in writing stating (1) WHEREIN the performance is unsatisfactory, (2) the facts of the (90 day) PRIOR WARNING, and (3) the efforts made AFTER THE WARNING TO HELP the employee bring his performance up to a satisfactory level.

APR 11 1957

May 17, 1957

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I have noted a serious delinquency on the part of the Washington Field Office in handling an investigative lead in the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property investigation based on the theft of jewelry from Bartz and King, jewelers, at Washington, D. C., on December 4, 1954. By a communication which was received in your office on April 8, 1957, the Chicago Division requested details of the above-mentioned theft in order that they could be discussed with a confidential informant who might assist in solving the case.

In spite of the obvious importance of this matter there was a delay of over three weeks before an answer was transmitted. Such lethargy clearly indicates that the employees handling this matter were not sufficiently impressed with its importance and the desirability of prompt handling. You will be expected to take appropriate steps to insure that personnel under your supervision are thoroughly aware of their responsibilities and that delinquencies of this nature do not occur in the future.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - Washington Field Office Personnel File

Based on memo from F. L. Price to Mr. Rosen, 5/14/57, AAS/rh.

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March 27, 1957

Honorable Oliver Gasch
United States Attorney
District of Columbia
Washington 1, D. C.

My dear Mr. Gasch:

I want to express my deep gratitude for your very thoughtful letter of March 21, 1957, and for your generous comments concerning this Bureau's investigative efforts in connection with the Hoffa case. I am particularly grateful for your good words regarding the work of Special Agents Charles H. Schafer and Anthony J. Maloney, Jr., and you may be sure that both these men and Messrs. Leo L. Laughlin and Gerald C. Gearty were happy to be of service and that they too will be most appreciative of your consideration in writing.

As you know, we stand ready to be of aid whenever possible.

Sincerely yours,



cc - New York, with copy of incoming.

6 cc's - Washington Field Office, with 5 copies of incoming.

cc - Personnel file of Charles H. Schafer, with copy of incoming.

cc - Personnel file of Anthony J. Maloney, Jr., with copy of incoming.

✓ cc - Personnel file of Leo L. Laughlin, with copy of incoming.

cc - Personnel file of Gerald C. Gearty, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Charles H. Schafer EOD 11/25/40, assigned Washington Field Office in GS-13. Anthony J. Maloney, Jr., EOD 10/6/47, assigned New York in GS-13, at Washington Field Office since 3/11/57 on special. Leo L. Laughlin is SAC at Washington Field Office and Gerald C. Gearty is ASAC there. The Bureau has enjoyed past cordial relations with USA Gasch.

JRH:lmh
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March 21, 1957

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter dated March 18, 1957, in which you confirm Mr. L. V. Boardman's telephone call on the morning of March 16, 1957, with reference to the efforts of the Bureau to obtain by search warrant a certain book from the Teamsters' Union Building in Detroit, Michigan, in which certain telephone calls were alleged to have been recorded.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Mr. Boardman for the extremely prompt and efficient cooperation and coordination which characterized the manner in which this search was undertaken.

During the past week I have also had the opportunity of observing many instances demonstrating how outstanding and effective is the cooperation of the Bureau under difficult and exacting circumstances. Commencing on Wednesday afternoon, March 13th, about 2:30, the Hoffa case first started to break so far as this office was concerned. During that day and the next several days I had the opportunity of working closely with a large number of your fine Agents, each of whom performed his duties according to the high standards and traditions of your Bureau. Perhaps it would be unfair to single out any of them for special praise. I do feel, however, that the assistance we received from Agents Charles H. Schafer and Anthony Maloney at all times were especially helpful and outstanding. Leo Laughlin, as usual, was a tower of strength. I wish also to commend the fine work of Gerald C. Gearty.

Our respect and esteem for the Bureau and its people could hardly be any higher, but this most

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effective demonstration of efficient law enforcement was something that we in this office will always remember with a degree of admiration that we are happy to mention to you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

OLIVER GASCH
United States Attorney

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, WFO (58-634)

March 14, 1957

SUBJECT : JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
BRIBERY; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
CONSPIRACY

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Leo Laughlin
The Bureau is aware that on [redacted] an
intensive investigation effort was undertaken by this office in this
case pursuant to Bureau instructions [redacted]

[redacted] subject
HOFFA. [redacted]

[redacted] subject HOFFA.

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In essence, this case [redacted]
HOFFA [redacted]

[redacted]

The roles played by various Special Agents and other personnel of this office in this matter are being submitted for the information of the Bureau. It is recommended that these individuals be favorably considered for commendation by the Director for the very fine manner in which they handled their assignments.

CHARLES H. SCHAFER
ANTHONY MALONEY (NYO)

These Agents handled the informant during the period he

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lets of commend to Maloney & Schafer. RGH 3-15-57

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 subject HOFFA. Their skillful handling and control of the informant and their insistence upon his compliance with instructions contributed very substantially to the successful outcome of this case. In order to achieve this, it was, of course, necessary that they spend substantial amounts of time in excess of normal working hours with the informant. (See addendum, Page 5.) b7D

CARL J. MARTIN

He has been working on this case since its inception. He covered a previous meeting between HOFFA and the informant on [redacted] b7D
 [redacted] He remained in the office during all of the meets and by his thorough and complete knowledge of the details of the case he was able to render valuable assistance and guidance. In addition, he correlated the numerous details connected with the preparation of the report covering the [redacted] In handling this assignment, he remained on duty all day on [redacted] and until [redacted] b7D
 [redacted] He returned to duty at [redacted] on [redacted]
 [redacted] and remained in the office until [redacted]
 [redacted]

This Agent served as Number One man to the ASAC, rendered valuable aid in organizing and correlating the details necessary to covering the meetings on [redacted] and shared with MARTIN the responsibility for correlating and preparing data necessary for the preparation of a report covering the activities on [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
 In handling these duties, [redacted] remained on duty from [redacted] on [redacted]
 [redacted] returned to duty at [redacted]
 [redacted] and remained until [redacted]

LUDWIG W. R. OBERNDORF

He completely organized and was responsible for the excellent coverage in all three meets. He arranged for the use of photographic equipment which resulted in obtaining excellent pictures of the first meet on [redacted] On [redacted]
 [redacted] HOFFA, he was in charge in the office. He correlated radio instructions and maintained very close liaison with the Bureau. This Agent also worked long hours.

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He was on duty from [redacted] until [redacted]
[redacted] He returned to duty at [redacted] and remained on
duty until [redacted]

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This Agent took [redacted]
[redacted] subject HOFFA on [redacted]

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[redacted] By his alertness and good
judgment in handling this assignment, [redacted] assured full and complete
coverage by the surveillance units.

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RALPH E. WILLIS, JR.

Agent WILLIS [redacted]

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[redacted] HOFFA and [redacted]
[redacted] Despite unfavorable conditions
and by the exercise of considerable ingenuity, this Agent also ob-
tained excellent pictures of pertinence to this matter.

PAUL E. MORRISON

This Agent [redacted]
[redacted] and HOFFA on [redacted] HOFFA

[redacted] By his alertness, MORRISON was

HOFFA [redacted]

[redacted] MORRISON filled this role so
well that no suspicion was aroused as to his true identity. [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] took a series of still photographs showing the
[redacted] HOFFA at [redacted]

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EDWARD H. BAHLOW, JR.
WILLIAM O. CREGAR
JOHN D. McKINNEY

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These Agents accompanied ASAC GEARTY and me for the purpose of effectuating the arrest. SAs [REDACTED] and CREGAR were unusually alert in actually getting into the elevator with ASAC GEARTY at the time HOFFA with the document entered the elevator to proceed to his room in the Dupont Plaza Hotel. SAs BAHLOW and McKINNEY, with me, covered the lobby of the hotel and insured there was no incident. They were particularly effective in seeing that a number of friends and/or acquaintances of HOFFA took no untoward action during his removal from the lobby of the hotel to the waiting car.

ASAC GERALD C. GEARTY

Mr. GEARTY worked very closely with me in supervising, coordinating and correlating the entire investigation in this case. By his aggressive handling of the many details he was of invaluable assistance and contributed considerably to its successful outcome. ASAC GEARTY was particularly alert during the coverage of the meet on the evening of [REDACTED] and he, with Agents [REDACTED] and CREGAR, actually entered the elevator and [REDACTED]. He worked unusually long hours staying right with this matter in order to see it through. The entire case was under my personal supervision.

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These two secretaries performed outstanding services in taking dictation and transcribing material which summarized the details of the entire events in this matter on [REDACTED]

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for appropriate dissemination to the Attorney General of the United States. In this connection, it is noted that [redacted] remained on duty from [redacted]. She returned to duty at [redacted] and remained on duty until [redacted].

[redacted] remained on duty from [redacted]
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In addition to the aforementioned employees, a considerable number of Special Agents were utilized to conduct physical surveillances of the [redacted]. All of these men worked smoothly and effectively in carrying out these delicate surveillance problems. Their actions were alert, they reacted promptly and properly to situations as they arose, and consequently were able to observe all pertinent activities of subject HOFFA and the informant during the [redacted]. I, therefore, recommend that a general letter of commendation be directed to WFO for this group of Special Agents. Copies thereof will be placed in their personnel files by this office.

Six stenographers in this office volunteered their services at various times on [redacted] in order to take dictation and prepare transcription with regard to this investigation. It is noted that it was necessary to utilize the services of only two of these employees in that regard who came to WFO during the early morning of [redacted] for several hours. The other four remained on duty on the evening of [redacted] in a stand-by capacity until they were released. I feel that these employees exhibited a splendid attitude and recommend that a general letter of commendation be sent to this office in this regard, a copy of which will be directed to the appropriate personnel files.

ADDENDUM (AR:LS) 3/15/57

It is my personal knowledge that Anthony Maloney of the New York Office has been handling [redacted] since he was turned over to us and his contacts in the New York area from which Maloney came resulted in keeping the informant under proper control. Agent Maloney is on special assignment out of the New York Office in view

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of his knowledge of the case and his previous contact with the informant [redacted] Agent Maloney is the [redacted] with [redacted] and to whom [redacted]. I was impressed with Maloney's sincerity and extreme interest in this matter when he was briefed on his arrival in Washington on [redacted]
[redacted]

SAC Laughlin was right on the job in this matter and kept in close touch with all developments.

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In addition, SAC Laughlin has called and stated he feels Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] should be commended for the excellent work which they did in correlating the rapid developments including the maintenance of a log so that current information would be available and in correlating the details so that they would be promptly and accurately reported.

SAC Laughlin also advised that Mildred C. Parsons had correlated all of the stenographic work, had performed long hours of voluntary overtime in lining up Agents for conferences with Laughlin and handling secretarial duties in the late hours of the night as the case developed. Laughlin recommended that she also be commended.

I concur with the above recommendations.

A. Rosen

Mr. Boardman advised that he strongly recommends a personal letter of commendation for SAC Laughlin. nem 3/15

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June 14, 1957

Personal Attention

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

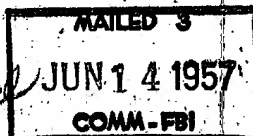
It has been most gratifying to note the generosity of the Special Agents of the Washington Field Office in rendering financial assistance to Special Agent [redacted] who had incurred heavy expenses due to the fatal illness of his daughter.

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The excellent attitude displayed by these agents in this fine gesture of unselfish aid to a fellow agent is most commendable.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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UNITED STATES

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/8/56

FROM : SAC, WFO (89-42)

SUBJECT:

ET AL
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS
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 Mr. Parsons...
 Mr. Rosen...
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 Mr. Nease...
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 Mr. Holloman...
 Miss Gandy...

In connection with the investigation in the entitled matter, it is respectfully requested that commendation be given to Special Agents RICHARD B. LAVIN, LEO I. PROSISE, and LESLIE B. CHISHOLM (A).

This investigation was initiated on Saturday, 7/14/56, and continued unabated to the present time, requiring patient, consistent investigative effort without regard for personal convenience on the part of all personnel engaged in the handling of this preferred investigation.

Special Agent LAVIN entered into the investigation at 9:00 A. M., 7/14/56, and applied himself diligently to the performance of his assignments and by reason of his patience, his refusal to accept "no" for an answer, he ultimately, together with Special Agent PROSISE, obtained a complete written detailed statement from subject ROWLEY. Special Agent LAVIN is particularly assigned to the case entitled "WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS, IS-X," which is a substantive file related to this matter.

Special Agent PROSISE, like Special Agent LAVIN, entered this investigation on 7/14/56. He handled in a thorough manner certain neighborhood investigations and thereafter endeavored to cultivate and obtain from subject, ROWLEY a complete statement. Principally by reason of his effort and by reason of the fact that he gained the confidence of subject ROWLEY a detailed, complete statement relating to this matter, was obtained from this subject. It is particularly noted that Special Agent PROSISE, with utter disregard for his personal convenience, performed considerable overtime.

Special Agent CHISHOLM entered this investigation on Saturday, 7/14/56, and was the Agent immediately assigned to handle liaison with the Washington Police Department, which liaison he has maintained throughout this entire investigation. He participated in the initial interview of subject ROWLEY at Police Headquarters and thereafter conducted certain neighborhood investigation and miscellaneous type inquiries. It is to be noted that in the initial interview of ROWLEY in which Special Agent CHISHOLM participated, ROWLEY made certain admissions and statements which identified others involved in this case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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RE: [] ET AL
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Ultimately, Special Agent CHISHOLM, by reasons of patience, care, and exercise of good judgment, obtained an accurate statement from [] and also obtained his complete cooperation in this investigation, he being a member of the White Citizens Councils and a confidant of the various subjects in this case. By reason of the development of this person, he is now carried as a security informant with reference to the White Citizens Councils. Also, Special Agent CHISHOLM obtained a more complete statement from subject [] by reason of the assistance rendered by [] Special Agent CHISHOLM has performed voluntary overtime on each and every day since 7/14/56 in connection with this investigation.

[] It is also respectfully recommended that Special Agent [] be commended for his work in this case. On 7/14 and 15/56, he assisted in the correlation of the investigative effort in this case which at that time involved investigative effort on the part of 14 Special Agents. In this connection, Special Agent [] performed voluntary overtime from 6:00 P. M. to midnight on 7/14/56 and from 9:00 A. M., 7/15/56, to 2:00 A. M., 7/16/56. He is to be particularly commended for his enthusiasm and willingness to do his share in the correlation of the investigative effort performed up to that time in proper report form.

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It is recommended that Special Agent KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, who supervised this investigation from its beginning, be commended for the excellent judgment and direction that he afforded this investigation. It is noted that the investigation was conducted in a practical, logical manner with persistence and teamwork and that the reporting of the results of the investigative efforts was always handled in a timely manner and without any delay.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION:

The Washington Field Office prepared reports on a daily basis for the first several days of this investigation beginning 7/14/56. These reports reflected detail investigation and were comprehensive. Washington Field, in addition, kept the Bureau advised by daily airtels of the progress of the investigation. This enabled the Bureau to furnish memoranda to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Olney on a day-to-day basis at the outset of the investigation. Copies of all reports prepared by Washington Field Office were furnished to the Attorney General, Rogers and Olney.

It is pointed out that Washington Field's investigation was conducted under the most adverse circumstances. At the outset of the investigation all persons interviewed, being members of or associated with Washington White Citizens Council, absolutely refused to furnish information or were reluctant or evasive in furnishing information concerning the cross burnings. Through efforts of the Agents referred to in this letter and the direction of the investigation by Supervisor K. T. Delavigne, ASAC Fletcher and SAC Laughlin, Washington Field was able to develop considerable information as to the cross burnings and concerning the Washington White Citizens Council which is the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau. The extraordinary effort expended by the Washington Field Office on this case was recognized by Assistant Attorney General Olney at a conference in the Attorney General's Office on 8/2/56, which was attended by Mr. Nichols and Mr. Belmont. At this time Mr. Olney in briefing the Attorney General informed him that the FBI had done an excellent job in this investigation.

The Investigative Division concurs with SAC Laughlin's recommendation for letters of commendation for Agents Richard B. Lavin, Leo I. Prosise, Leslie B. Chisholm, [redacted] and Kenneth T. Delavigne. The Investigative Division recommends that letters of commendation be sent to SAC Laughlin and ASAC Fletcher.

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HSB Leo *H.E.A.*

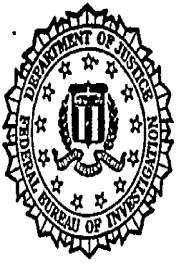
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In addition to the commendation recommended above, it is further recommended that Supervisors [redacted] and [redacted] be commended for their supervision of this case. When the investigation was initially instituted on July 14, 1956, [redacted] worked for more than seven hours that Saturday, and on the following day, Sunday, July 15, he worked for 14 hours and 20 minutes without letup until 3:05 a.m. the following morning. [redacted] also worked on this case on July 14, 1956, for approximately nine hours and worked again on the following day for more than nine hours. Both Agents carefully supervised the work of the Washington Field Office

of the Investigative Division

in this matter and handled the investigative reports. In each instance the contents of the investigative reports had to be summarized promptly and accurately in memorandum form in order that the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Olney, as well as Bureau officials, might be kept currently advised. It is believed that the work of Boggan and McGowan was of material assistance in the successful outcome of this case, and commendation to them is recommended.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Leo L. Laughlin Relationship Wife Date 6/3/57

Address 917 Clemson Drive, Alexandria, Virginia

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in the line of duty.

Name Mrs. Leo L. Laughlin Relationship Wife Date 6/3/57

Address 917 Clemson Drive, Alexandria, Virginia

Very truly yours,

Leo L. Laughlin
Special Agent

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May 29, 1957

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

The results of the inspection of the Washington Field Office show that your office was neat, clean, and well maintained considering the age of the building in which the office is located. No delinquencies affecting the safe operation of cars were found during the inspection. It is noted that personnel of the Washington Field Office were held responsible for damages to Bureau cars involved in accidents in ten instances in 1956 and in one instance in the first four months of 1957. This is a matter of serious concern. You should forcefully bring to the attention of all employees operating automotive equipment the necessity for careful operation of vehicles at all times.

The over-all office delinquency of 4.86 percent was below the field average of 6.42 percent. The investigative delinquency in six major classifications was above the office average. In order to insure against such delinquency resulting in embarrassment and delayed investigation you must make every effort to reduce the delinquency to a minimum.

Three substantive errors were found in the 1,666 pending and closed files reviewed. You and the supervisory staff of the Washington Field Office must continue to closely supervise cases in order to keep all errors to an irreducible minimum.

Form errors were found in 103 of 1,666 files reviewed. Approximately 60 percent of these errors were chargeable to Agents and 40 percent to clerks. Both clerical and Agent personnel must give more attention to the matter of eliminating these errors.

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cc - Mr. Mohr (Attention H. L. Edwards) (With enclosure)

cc - Personnel File of SAC Laughlin

Note: Based on memo Q. Tamm to Mr. Tolson, 5/28/57
"Inspection - Washington Field Office, Inspector J. Gordon
Shanklin, 4/23/57 - 5/17/57" JGS:wmj



Mr. Leo L. Laughlin

It is gratifying to see, from a comparison of statistical accomplishments for the first ten months of the current fiscal year with the same period for the past fiscal year, that your office has exceeded accomplishments in convictions, fugitives apprehended, and automobiles recovered. The Inspector reported some excellent work has been done in the espionage field but that a number of major criminal cases remain unsolved. Vigorous efforts are necessary to bring these matters to a logical conclusion and insure maximum accomplishments. We are judged by results.

Deadlines missed in applicant-type cases of 34 percent by an average of 5.7 days were high. [redacted]

[redacted] Referral/Consult

[redacted] You and the applicant supervisors must remain alert to situations as they develop and give consideration to assigning additional personnel to this program consistent with the over-all needs of the office. There were three missed deadlines noted in 64 fugitive cases reviewed and five missed deadlines found in 20 closed civil rights cases checked. Although there were no apparent substantive weaknesses in these cases resulting from the delays, deadlines are necessary and set for a purpose. You and all Agents must remember that delays can result in loss of statistics and embarrassment to the Bureau.

The criminal informant program in the Washington Field Office was given an over-all rating of good. While informants have furnished valuable information in certain matters, there is a definite need for improved and expanded coverage in general criminal matters with particular reference to major crimes. You should personally follow the instructions of the Inspector and make certain that each Agent who, by his assignments, is in a position to develop informants, personally assumes his responsibility in this important phase of the Bureau's work.

Since the last inspection of your office, there has been a 13 percent increase in security informants. This has been offset by a decrease of 58 percent in potential security informants. It is only through qualified potentials that security informants can be developed. You have no security informant who is a member of the Communist Party and in a position to furnish accurate information as to the organization and identities of members of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C. Vigorous action is necessary to rectify this situation as soon as possible. Security informant coverage with respect

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin

to the Communist Party was rated as fair. As instructed by the Inspector you should submit a letter to the Bureau by July 1, 1957, reflecting the results of your efforts to improve coverage as to the Communist Party in Washington, D. C.

Security informants furnishing information in espionage matters were rated as very good. The security informant program was given an over-all rating of good.

Time spent in the office by Agents, although lower than at the time of the last inspection, was still high. You must personally insure that all time spent in the office is productive and justified. Productivity of Agents has favorably increased since the last inspection.

Production in your stenographic and typing pool is below the field average. As you state, the great number of new, inexperienced stenographers is one of the reasons for this low production. You should be alert to ways of reducing the turnover of stenographic personnel as well as developing more efficient training procedures for stenographers to increase their speed and accuracy.

Travel costs for the first nine months of fiscal year 1957, although reduced as compared with the same period of fiscal year 1956, were still above the desired Bureau costs. You must exercise stringent economy in all operations to maintain costs at a bare minimum.

It was noted that 32 Agents had no testifying experience. You should make every effort to assign these Agents matters which will afford them an early opportunity to testify.

The Inspector reported that all contacts made were highly favorable to both the Bureau and your office. You are aware of certain difficult situations existing with the Metropolitan Police Department and the Corporation Counsel's Office. Relations with these departments must be circumspect and the Bureau's interest jealously guarded.

The various phases of operations of your office were rated as follows: Physical Condition and Maintenance, Investigative Operations, and Administrative Operations - good; Personnel Matters and Contacts - very good.

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin

You and the Assistant Special Agent in Charge should carefully review the suggestions and the instructions given you by the Inspector. They should assist you in your efforts to bring all phases of operations of the Washington Field Office to the highest possible level of efficiency. The Bureau should be promptly notified when the delinquencies found during the inspection have been corrected. I definitely expect you and the Assistant Special Agent in Charge to provide the leadership necessary for your office to achieve the desired objectives.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 5/14/57

FROM : F. L. Price *FLP*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)
 Theft of Jewelry Valued at \$100,000
 Bartz and King, Jewelers,
 Washington, D. C., 12/4/54
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

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Previous memoranda advised of request received from Chicago by Washington Field 4/8/57, for information relating to unsolved major thefts to enable discussion with informant [redacted] Washington Field replied 4/30/57. The Director asked "Why does it take three weeks for Washington Field to reply?"

SAC Laughlin, Washington Field, has advised the Chicago communication was received by Relief Supervisor [redacted] who recognized its application to the Bartz and King jewel theft. He assigned the communication to SA [redacted] but because of the numerous communications handled did not acquaint the regular supervisor with this particular communication.

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 SA [redacted] inquired among Agents and reviewed closed Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property cases for possible referral to the Chicago Office but located only the Bartz and King jewel theft case. Accordingly, a letter was dictated by SA [redacted] on 4/25/57, and sent on 4/30/57, requesting Chicago to contact the informant in connection with this jewel theft.

SAC Laughlin has recommended censure for SA [redacted] in view of his failure to acquaint the regular supervisor with Chicago's request.

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SAC Laughlin has also recommended censure for SA [redacted] in view of his failure to promptly handle the Chicago inquiry.

The Chicago Office has advised the Bartz and King jewel theft

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cc Mr. Mohr

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

Supervisor James Handley has completed a comprehensive review of this investigation. It was determined there were no suspects developed during the investigation who were not eliminated by investigative activity. As a result of the review, SA Handley has prepared a memorandum instructing the Washington Field to again request all offices to thoroughly rediscuss this case with all informants. Particular emphasis should be placed on informants not previously contacted and those developed in recent months.

As a result of SA Handley's review, the following is being offered for the consideration of the Washington Field Office:

SA Handley made the observation that a photograph of [redacted]

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A review also revealed that Bartz and King employee [redacted] was of the opinion he had possibly seen one of the robbers while in military service. As a possibility, the Washington Field Office is being instructed to thoroughly reinterview [redacted] with respect to his time in the military service and through use of records and personal photographs, attempt to identify the person whom Starr observed in the military and who resembles one of the robbers.

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(1) It is recommended that SA [redacted], Washington Field Office, be censured for his failure to advise the regular supervisor of the receipt of the Chicago communication soliciting information with respect to major unsolved thefts.

(2) It is recommended that SA [redacted] be censured for his failure to promptly handle the Chicago inquiry.

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

(3) Although he had no personal knowledge of the Chicago communication received by Washington Field on 4/8/57, it is recommended SAC Laughlin be censured in view of his over-all responsibility to insure inquiries having significance to this important investigation were promptly handled.

It is a shame that these derelictions were not spotted by Boardman and Rosen until after Mr Hoover had to personally request detailed explanations to find out reasons for improper handling of this case.

I recommend censure
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After experiencing chest pains, Mr. Laughlin was sent to Bethesda Naval Hospital for a physical examination on June 18 and was advised to rest for a few days before undertaking additional tests.

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Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons _____
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Stamp
June 24, 1957

Mr. Clark
Dear Mr. Hoover:

H. J. Edwards
Thank you for your letter of June 20, 1957, on the occasion of my recent illness.

It was very kind and considerate of you to write, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Leo L. Laughlin
Leo L. Laughlin

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 24, 1957

FROM : SAC, WFO

ATTENTION: PERSONNEL SECTION

SUBJECT: LEO L. LAUGHLIN, SAC

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- ☐ Re physical examination _____.
- ☐ Weight without clothing now is _____.
- ☐ Dental work was completed on _____.
- ☐ Vision has been corrected to _____.
- ☐ Chest X-ray results were negative.
- ☐ Personal physician advised he is qualified for strenuous physical exertion and the use of firearms.
- ☐ Attached are Bureau of Employees' Compensation forms _____.
- ☐ Physical examination reports are enclosed.
- ☐ Employee is scheduled for physical examination on _____.
- ☐ Employee has reviewed and initialed his physical examination report.
- ☒ Employee returned to active duty 6/24/57.
- ☐ Employee's physical condition is _____.

☐ Additional remarks relative to items listed above:

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June 20, 1957

Mr. Leo L. Laughlin
917 Clemson Drive
Alexandria, Virginia

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Laughlin:

I am sorry indeed to learn that you have not been feeling well, and I do hope that this note will find you much improved. Let me urge you to heed your doctor's instructions carefully and take all the rest necessary to avoid jeopardizing your health.

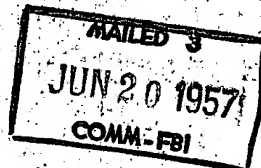
Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *LLS* SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: LEO L. LAUGHLIN, SAC
(Employee)

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
(Division)

DATE: *June 19, 1957*

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
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Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
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Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
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Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

H L Blalock
W. Kennedy

ILLNESSES

Nature of illness: (Indicate extent of, description, and current condition under Remarks)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Accident	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Disease
<input type="checkbox"/> Operation	(Date of surgery and postoperative condition must be indicated under Remarks)	
Date sick leave commenced	Date ceased active duty	Expected date of return to duty
Confined at: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residence		
Address: <u>917 Clemson Drive</u> <u>Alexandria, Virginia</u>		

Remarks:

Mr. LAUGHLIN suffered severe chest pains during the early morning of June 18, 1957. Following an examination at Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, on that date, the Doctor ordered him either to remain in the hospital or return to his home for complete rest for the remainder of this week. Other tests will be given Monday of next week. Bureau will be kept advised of Mr. Laughlin's condition.

DEATHS

<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Brother	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter
						<input type="checkbox"/> Other
_____ (Name of deceased)						_____ (Relationship)
Date and place of death						

Remarks:

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